

# HW1 – NGS Workflows for Forensic Genetics

Type: Half Day Workshop, Lecture  
Date & Time: Monday, 9 September (9:00-13:00)

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## Our day together (4 hours)

- 9:00 – 10:30 AM: Introduction & Workflow 1
- 10:30 – 11:00 AM: Coffee Break!
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Workflows 2 & 3

Slides and supporting information can be found at:

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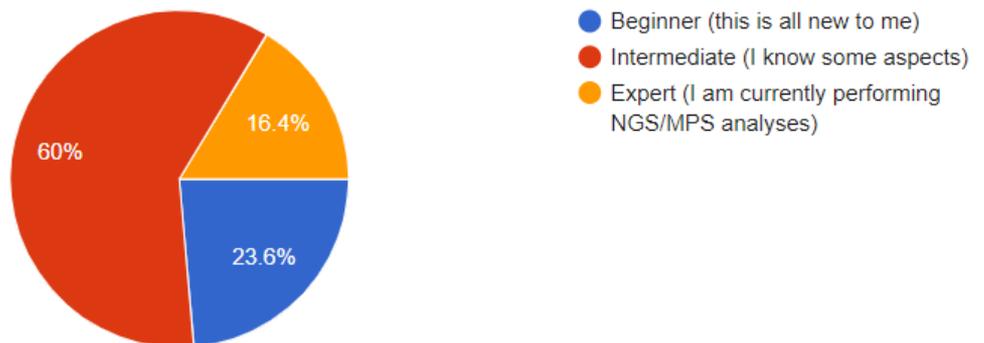
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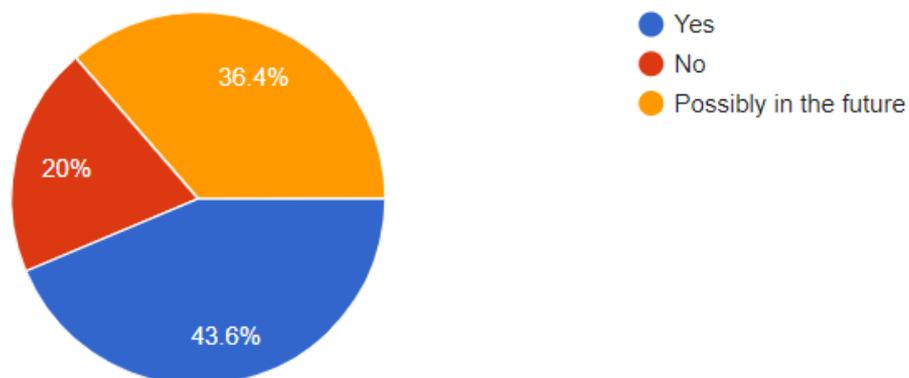
## What is your personal level of experience with NGS/MPS methods?

55 responses



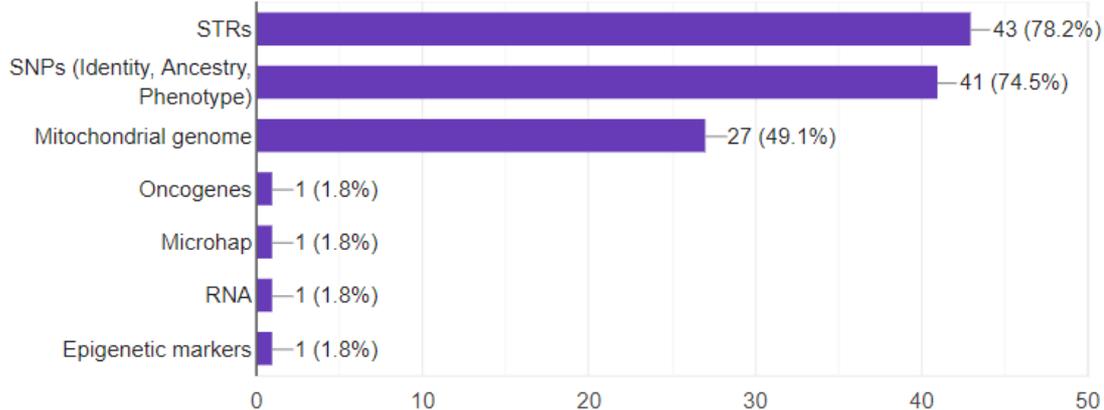
## Is your lab currently performing NGS/MPS analyses?

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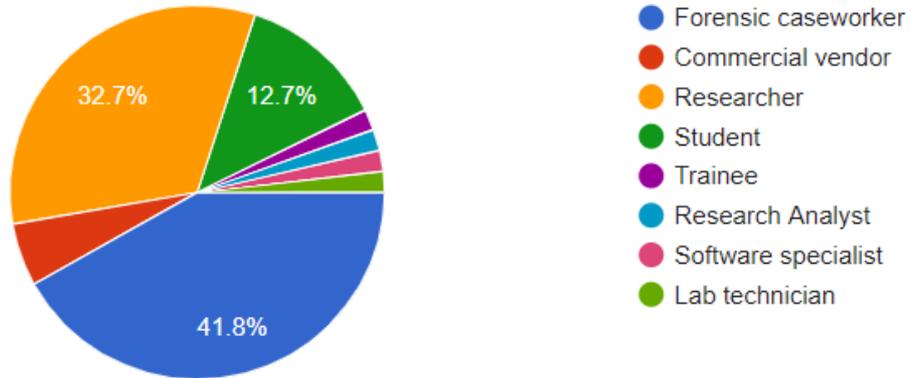
## What marker systems are you interested in sequencing? (you can select more than one)

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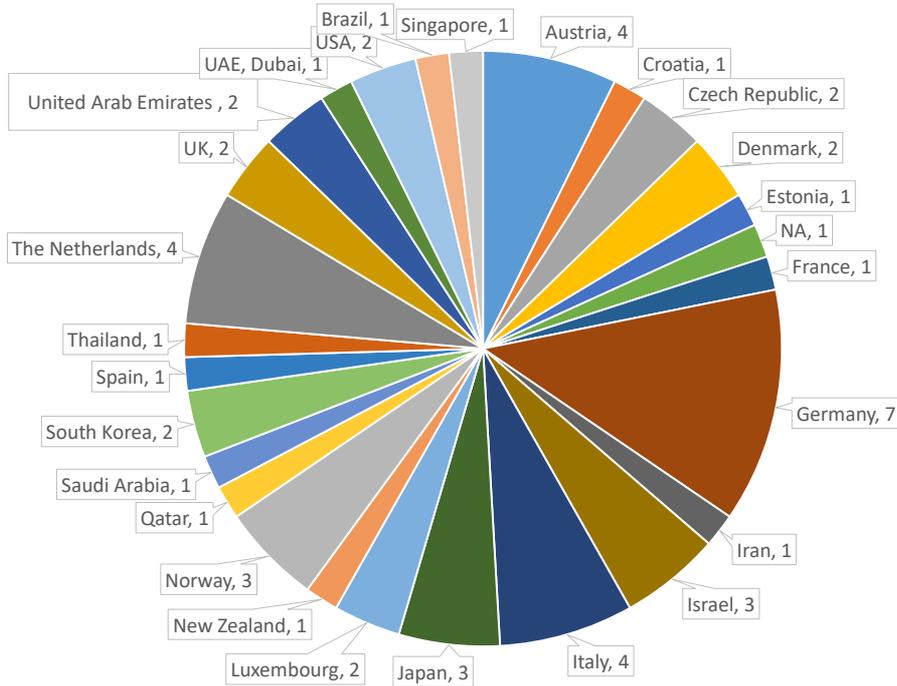


## What best describes your position?

55 responses



## By Country





- There is an interest in sequencing as a forensic workflow
  - PCR-Sequencing
- Differs from traditional PCR-CE workflow
  - How?
  - What is the same?
  - What is different?

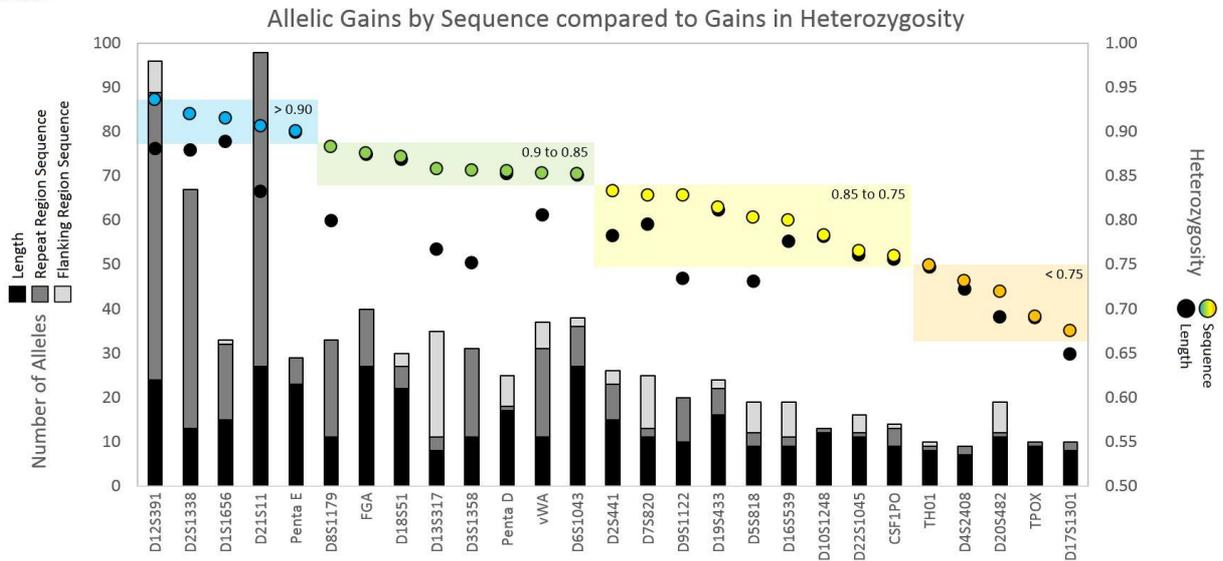
## Why sequence?

- More markers – higher multiplexing capability (versus CE-based methods)
- More information – more markers and sequence level resolution
- **End goal:** Access to this additional information will support forensic casework applications

# Why sequence STRs?

- Sequencing of STRs
  - STR motif sequence variation; flanking region variation (more polymorphic)
  - Further understand simple versus complex repeat motifs
  - Characterize stutter
- Applications
  - One to one matching? – RMPs with 20 STR markers are already quite low ( $>10^{-20}$ )
  - Partial profiles
  - Kinship
  - Length-based allele calls are back compatible with existing databases
- Mixtures
  - Resolve alleles identical by length, but differ by sequence
  - Separate stutter from low level contributors (based on sequence)
  - A sequenced allele *may* have a lower frequency (resulting in a higher LR)

Figure 5



Gettings et al. (2018) Sequence-based US population data for 27 autosomal STR loci. *Forensic Sci Int Genet* 37:106-115.

## Sequencing other marker systems: applications

- Mitochondrial DNA sequencing
    - Control region and/or full genome
- Higher throughput than Sanger methods  
 Measure lower levels of heteroplasmy  
 Easier workflow ?
- SNPs
    - Ancestry, Identity, Phenotype, Microhaplotypes (closely linked SNPs)
  - In the future?
    - Non-targeted sequencing, RNA targets, metagenomics, epigenetics
    - New technologies, methods, marker systems

- O003: DEVELOPMENT AND OPTIMIZATION OF THE VISAGE PROTOTYPE TOOLS FOR BIO-GEOGRAPHIC ANCESTRY AND APPEARANCE TRAITS INFERENCE USING TARGETED MPS
- O007: COMPARISON OF CE- AND MPS-BASED ANALYSES OF FORENSIC MARKERS WITH SINGLE CELL AFTER WHOLE GENOME AMPLIFICATION
- O008: PRESENTATION OF THE HUMAN PIGMENTATION (HUPI) AMPLISEQ CUSTOM PANEL
- O009: PREDICTIVE DNA ANALYSIS OF HUMAN HEAD HAIR GREYING USING WHOLE-EXOME AND TARGETED NGS DATA EXAMINED WITH DEEP LEARNING METHODS
- O010: A COMPARISON OF DNA METHYLATION TECHNOLOGIES AND PERFORMANCE OF AGE PREDICTION MODELS
- O015: COMPARISON OF CE AND MPS BASED ANALYSIS FOR THE PROBABILISTIC INTERPRETATION OF MIXED STR PROFILES
- O017: THE FIRST MPS-STR BASED CONVICTION IN A CRIMINAL CASE?
- O018: ENHANCING STR SEQUENCE ALLELE REPRESENTATION FOR PROBABILISTIC GENOTYPING
- O019: A MASSIVELY PARALLEL SEQUENCING ASSAY OF MICROHAPLOTYPES FOR MIXTURE DECONVOLUTION
- O059: TAXONOMY-INDEPENDENT DEEP LEARNING MICROBIOME APPROACH FOR ACCURATE CLASSIFICATION OF FORENSICALLY RELEVANT HUMAN BIOMATERIALS USING TARGETED MPS
- O060: PERFORMANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DNA METABARCODING IN SOIL TRACE MATCHING AND PROVENANCING
- O063: SPECIES IDENTIFICATION USING MASSIVELY PARALLEL SEQUENCING – DETECTING MULTIPLE SPECIES IN MIXED SOURCES
- O065: WHOLE-GENOME SEQUENCING OF NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE IN A FORENSIC TRANSMISSION CASE
- O066: WHOLE TRANSCRIPTOME ANALYSIS OF AGED BIOLOGICAL CRIME SCENE TRACES

**This week**  
 Phenotype-Ancestry  
 Single cell  
 Methylation – Age prediction  
 Mixtures  
 Casework  
 Microbiome  
 RNA

## Additional related workshops...

### HW8 - Autosomal STR Genomics 101: Sequence Variation and Nomenclature

Organiser: Katherine Gettings  
 Date & Time: Tuesday, 10 September (14:00-18:00)  
 Capacity: 60pax  
 Workshop type: Lecture

### HW9 - Forensic DNA Phenotyping: basics of data acquisition and interpretation

Organiser: Wojciech Branicki  
 Date & Time: Tuesday, 10 September (14:00-18:00)  
 Capacity: 100pax  
 Workshop type: Lecture

### FW3 - Population analysis of forensic DNA data using Snipper and STRUCTURE

Organiser: Christopher Phillips & Leonor Gusmao  
 Date & Time: Monday, 9 September (14:00-18:00) & Tuesday, 10 September (9:00-13:00)  
 Capacity: 40pax  
 Workshop type: Hands-on

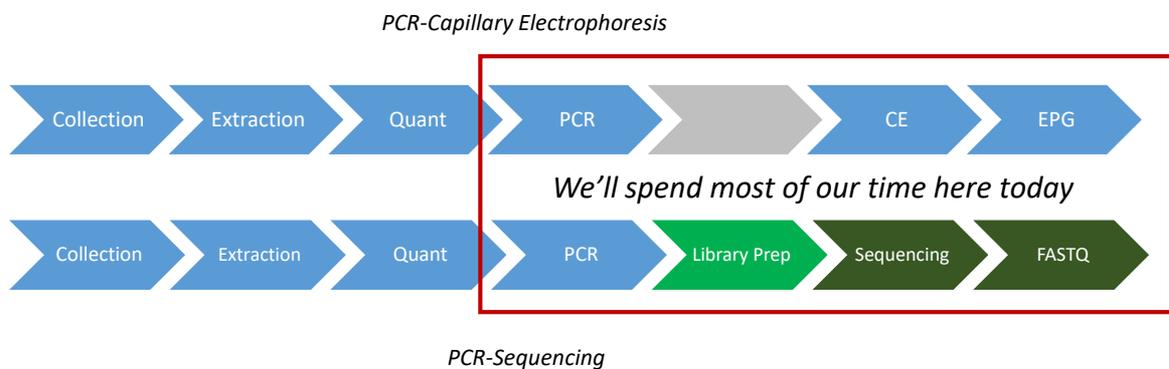
## Targeted Sequencing

- We wish to sequence 'our' markers (STRs, SNPs, mtGenome)
- You might 'see' these markers in whole genome sequencing (shotgun)
  - Low coverage
  - Issues with STR regions And would require more sample 100 ng – 1 µg
  - Can be more bioinformatically challenging
  - Inefficient use of the sequencing 'space'
- For now...it seems that forensic genetics will implement a targeted approach

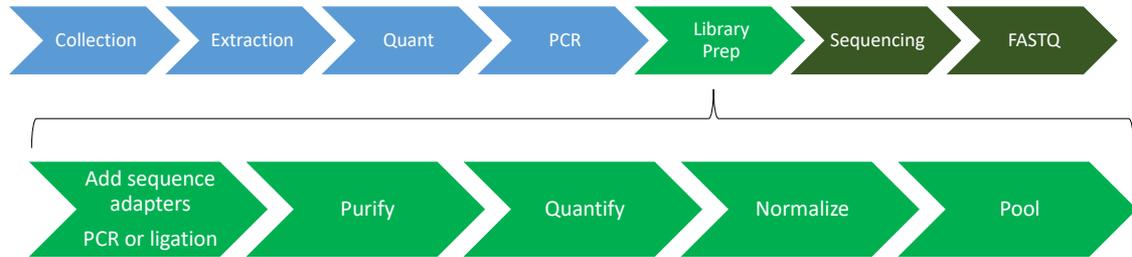
## Is Sequencing more sensitive?

- More sensitive than what? CE-based testing?
- Targeted sequencing is PCR-based
  - Still using PCR, stochastic effects are encountered at low amounts of DNA
  - Expect similar levels of sensitivity (in terms of generating PCR products)
- ‘Sensitive’ can also relate to: more markers, more information, improved matching statistics
- Sequencing methods *may* allow for a deeper understanding of S/N and artifacts

## Comparing workflows – targeted sequencing



## Library preparation



*General...we'll get into specifics today*

*Goal: prepare PCR products for sequencing*

## Outline for today

We will discuss various sequencing workflows

1. Sequencing method: targeted PCR & library preparation
2. Sequencing platform
3. Data analysis: brief examples

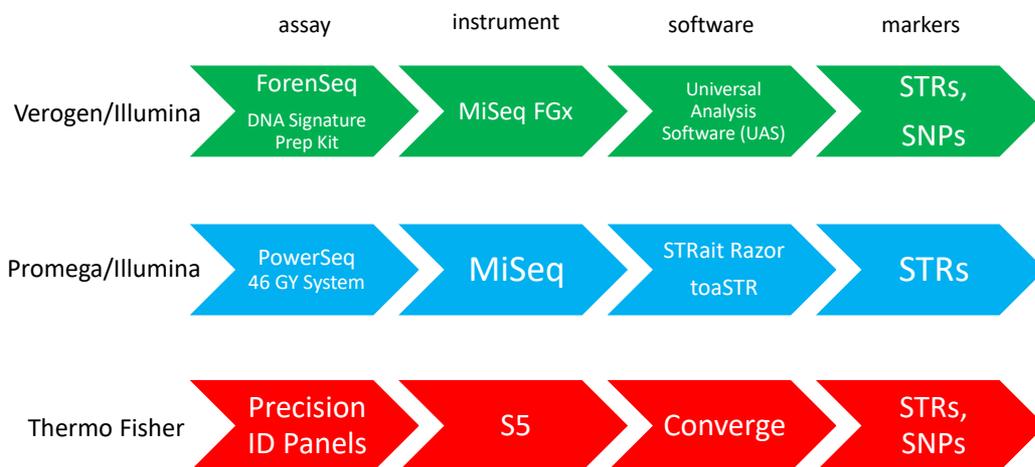
## Select listing of commercial sequencing workflows

Assay	Platform	Associated Software	Markers
ForenSeq DNA Signature Prep Kit	MiSeq FGx	UAS	auSTRs, Y STRs, X STRs and SNPs
ForenSeq mtDNA Control Region Solution	MiSeq FGx	UAS	Mitochondrial control region (WG soon?)
PowerSeq 46GY System	MiSeq	Open	auSTR and Y STRs
PowerSeq CRM Nested System, Custom	MiSeq	Open	Mitochondrial control region (and WG )
Precision ID SNP Identity Panel	S5	Converge	Identity SNPs
Precision ID SNP Ancestry Panel	S5	Converge	Ancestry SNPs
Precision ID STR GlobalFiler NGS STR Panel v2	S5	Converge	Autosomal STRs
Precision ID mtDNA Whole Genome Panel	S5	Converge	Whole mitochondrial genome
Precision ID mtDNA Control Region Panel	S5	Converge	Mitochondrial control region
Precision ID SNP Phenotype Panel	S5	Converge	SNPs
GeneReader DNaseq Targeted Panels V2	Illumina/S5	CLCBio - open	Mito, SNPs

UAS = Universal Analysis Software

List not exhaustive – just some common examples

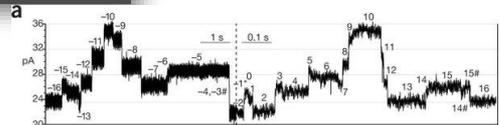
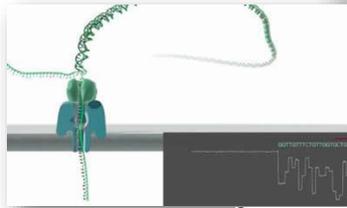
## Focus of the NGS workflows for today



Time permitting we will also discuss mitochondrial control region and whole mito genome sequencing

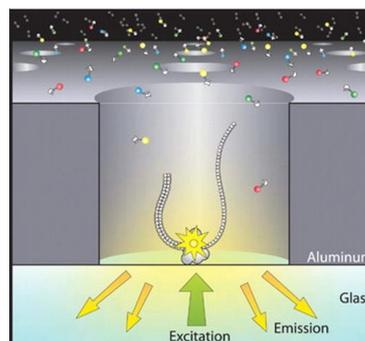
## Additional Sequencing Technologies

- QIAGEN GeneReader
  - Sequencing by synthesis approach
  - QIACube NGS (for automated library preparation)
  - QIAGEN has also purchased CLC bio
- Oxford Nanopore (MinION)
  - Ratcheting strand of DNA through a protein manifold
  - Bases are detected by a difference in current



## Additional Sequencing Technologies

- PacBio
- Bases are incorporated and detected in real-time
- No PCR needed
- Long reads - 1000s of bases



[https://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/Infographic\\_SMRT-Sequencing-How-it-Works.pdf](https://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/Infographic_SMRT-Sequencing-How-it-Works.pdf)

## Disclaimer

- *I am not covering all possible workflows that might apply to forensic genetics*
- *I hope that the ones we discuss to today are useful to illustrate the methods and techniques you will encounter*
- *Not my intention to suggest that one method or platform is best*
- *It is up to you to decide what you need (cost, time, steps, automation, information, ease of use, throughput, data, marker systems, etc.)*
- *More information can be found in the manuals and specific literature*

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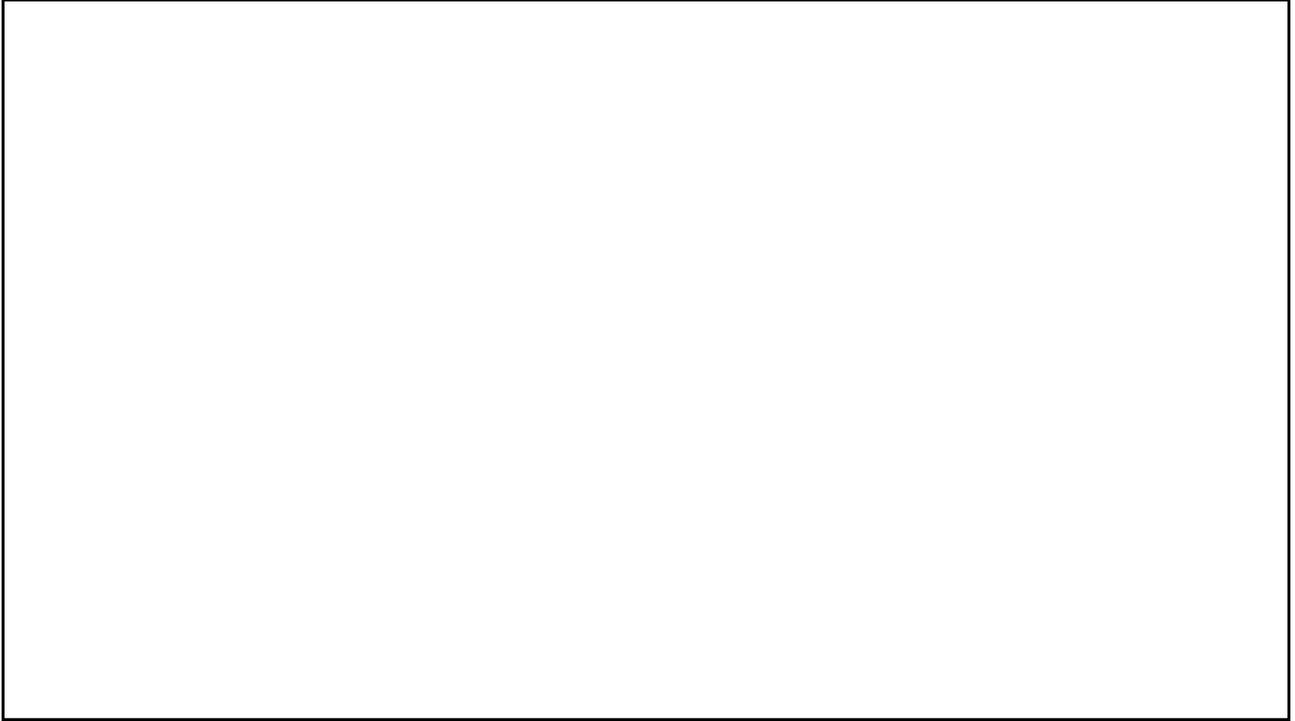
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## NGS workflow #1



## ForenSeq™ DNA Signature Prep kit - MiSeq FGx

Table 1: ForenSeq DNA Signature Prep Kit—Forensic Loci

Feature	Number of Markers <sup>a</sup>	Amplicon Size Range (bp)	Included in DNA Primer Mix A	Included in DNA Primer Mix B <sup>b</sup>
Global Autosomal STRs	27	61–467	Yes	Yes
Y-STRs	24	119–390	Yes	Yes
X-STRs	7	157–462	Yes	Yes
Identity SNPs	94	63–231	Yes	Yes
Phenotypic SNPs	22	73–227	No	Yes
Biogeographical Ancestry SNPs	56	67–200	No	Yes

a. SNP and STR chromosome locations can be found in the ForenSeq DNA Signature Prep Kit Reference Guide.  
 b. Over 200 markers analyzed when running primer set B.

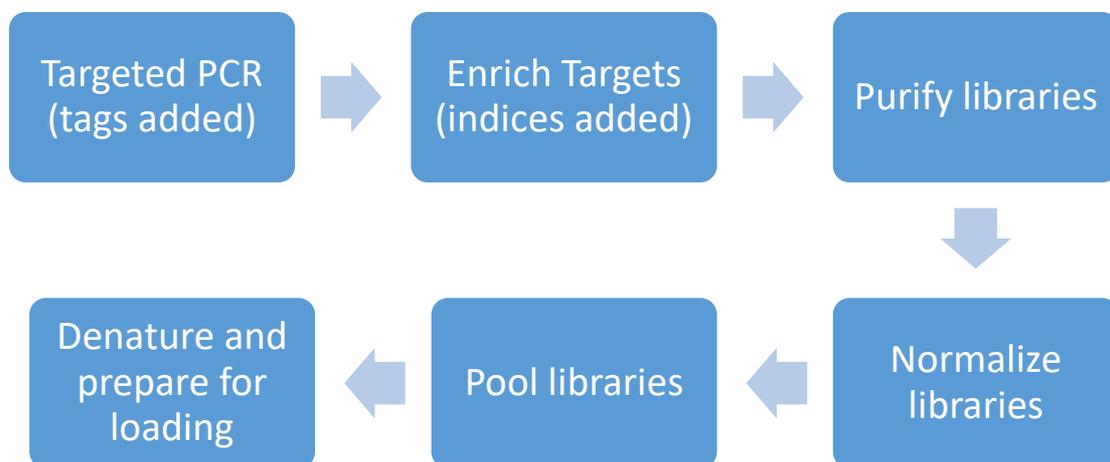


Jäger AC, Alvarez ML, Davis CP, et al. Developmental validation of the MiSeq FGx Forensic Genomics System for targeted next generation sequencing in forensic DNA casework and database laboratories. *Forensic Sci Int.* 2017;28: 52-70

## What is the overall goal of library preparation?

- To prepare the PCR products for the sequencer
- Capture a 'snapshot' of the PCR products (ratios, abundance)
- We want to avoid
  - Any bias that favors a product based on size, sequence, abundance
  - Uneven yields or representation across samples
  - Inefficient use of the sequencing capability

## ForenSeq (Sequenced on MiSeq FGx)

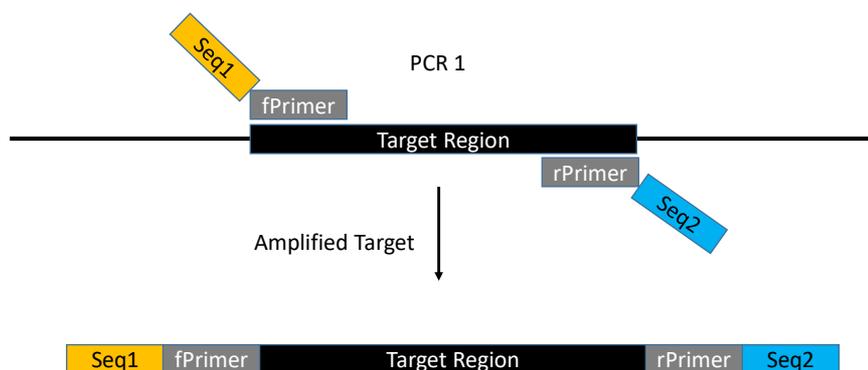


Workflow: ForenSeq™ DNA Signature Prep kit

Step: Targeted PCR (PCR 1)

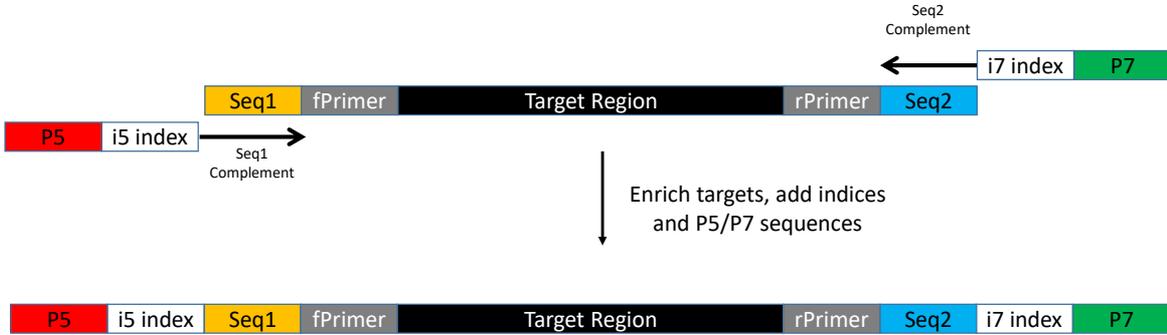
Purpose: Targeted amplification of STRs/SNPs

Target 1 ng of gDNA  
18 PCR cycles  
5  $\mu$ L of DNA extract  
15  $\mu$ L total volume



Workflow: ForenSeq™ DNA Signature Prep kit  
 Step: Enrich targets (PCR 2)  
 Purpose: Add indices and P5/P7 sequences to the PCR products

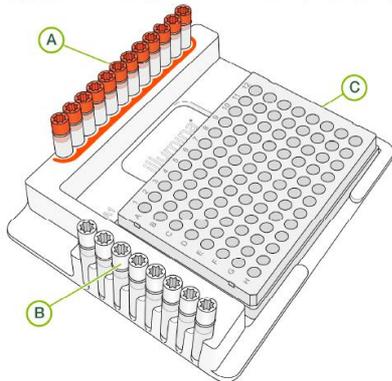
PCR 1 products  
 15 µL volume  
 15 PCR cycles  
 Perform in a different room  
 (not in the original PCR 1 environment)



## Index Adapters

P5: 5' AAT GAT ACG GCG ACC ACC GA 3'  
 P7: 5' CAA GCA GAA GAC GGC ATA CGA GAT 3'

Figure 3 ForenSeq Index Plate Fixture (96 libraries)



- A Columns 1–12: Index 1 (i7) adapters (orange caps)
- B Rows A–H: Index 2 (i5) adapters (white caps)
- C FSP plate

i5 index name		i7 index name	
A501	TGAACCTT	R701	ATCACG
A502	TGCTAAGT	R702	CGATGT
A503	TGTTCTCT	R703	TTAGGC
A504	TAAGACAC	R704	TGACCA
A505	CTAATCGA	R705	ACAGTG
A506	CTAGAACA	R706	GCCAAT
A507	TAAGTTCC	R707	CAGATC
A508	TAGACCTA	R708	ACTTGA
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		R710	TAGCTT
		R711	GGCTAC
		R712	CTTGTA

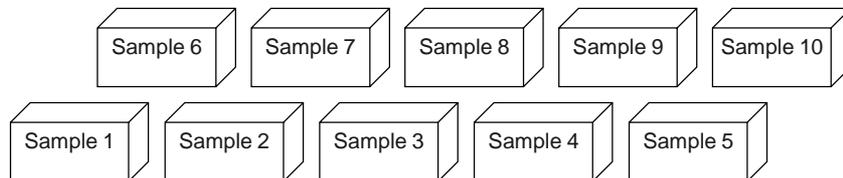
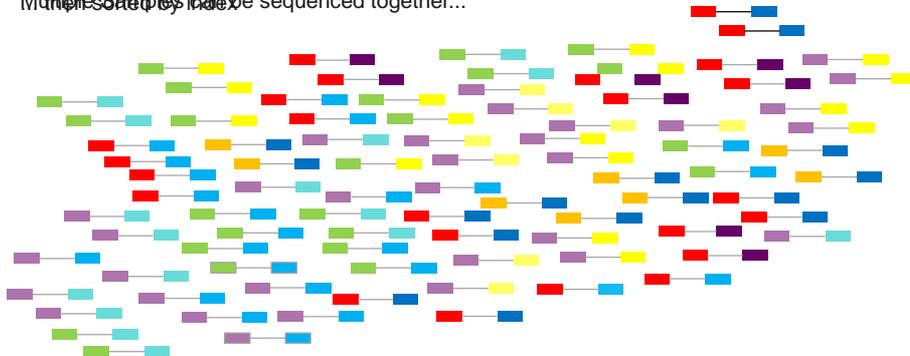


96 unique combination can be created from  
the eight i5 and twelve i7 indices

	R701	R702	R703	R704	R705	R706	R707	R708	R709	R710	R711	R712
A501	A501 R701	A501 R702	A501 R703	A501 R704	A501 R705	A501 R706	A501 R707	A501 R708	A501 R709	A501 R710	A501 R711	A501 R712
A502	A502 R701	A502 R702	A502 R703	A502 R704	A502 R705	A502 R706	A502 R707	A502 R708	A502 R709	A502 R710	A502 R711	A502 R712
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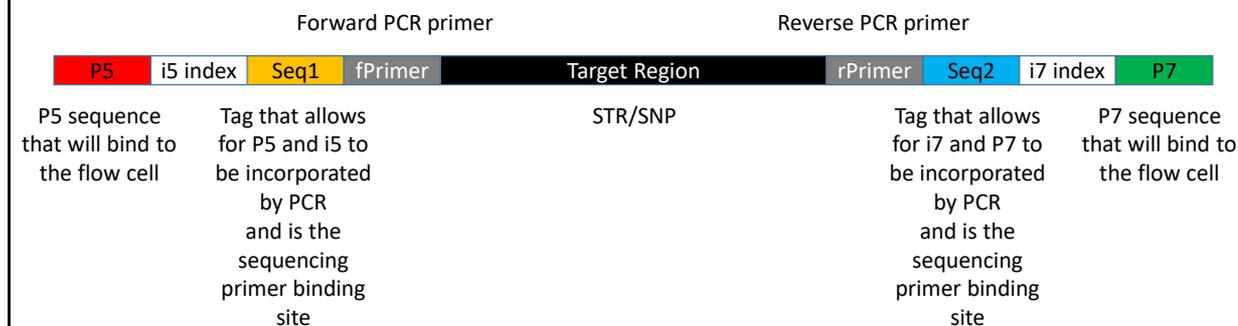
## Sample Demultiplexing Using Index Sequences

Multiple samples can be sequenced together...



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## Combinations of i5 (8 nt) and i7 (6 nt) will allow for sample barcoding



Workflow: ForenSeq™ DNA Signature Prep kit

Step: Purify libraries

Purpose: Purify amplified libraries

*Prepare bead suspension*

*Pipette 45 µL of bead suspension into plate*

*Pipette 45 µL of PCR into bead*

*Shake 1800 rpm for 2 min*

*Let sit for 5 min*

*Place on magnetic stand for 2 min (until clear)*

*Wash with 200 µL 80% EtOH – 2 times*

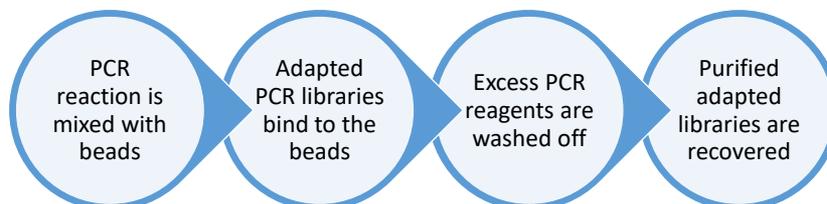
*Add 52.2 µL of resuspension buffer to each well*

*Shake 1800 rpm for 2 min*

*Place on magnetic stand for 2 min (until clear)*

*Recover 50 µL in a fresh plate*

Result: purified adapted PCR products

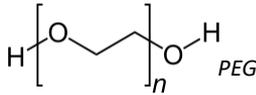
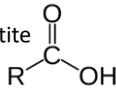


# Beads! Beads! Beads!

Solid Phase Reversible Immobilization (SPRI)

Paramagnetic = magnetic only in a magnetic field

Polystyrene core surrounded by a layer of magnetite coated with carboxyl molecules

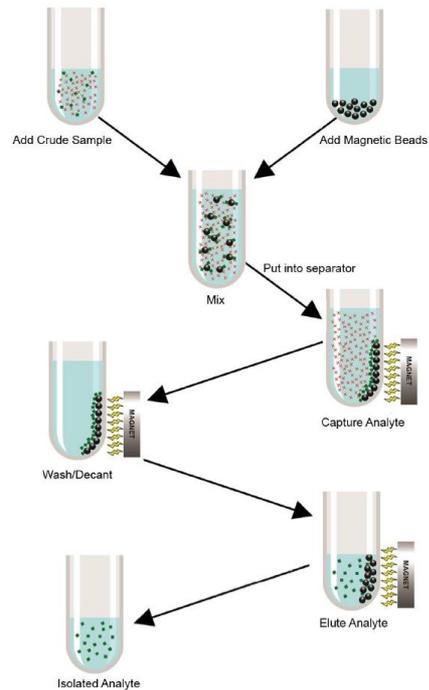


In the presence of PEG and salt (e.g. 20% PEG and 2.5 M NaCl) the DNA is driven to bind to the negatively charged surface

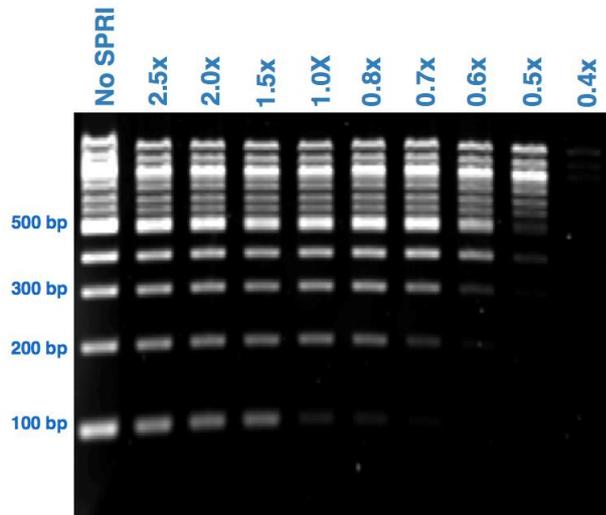
Wash or clean up (80% EtOH solution)

Resuspend

The ratio of SPRI:DNA can tune the length of DNA fragments bound



Sample purification and size selection can be accomplished using magnetic beads



As the concentration of beads **decreases** the size of the DNA captured **increases**

<https://www.broadinstitute.org/genome-sequencing/broadillumina-genome-analyzer-boot-camp>

## Workflow: ForenSeq™ DNA Signature Prep kit

## Step: Normalize libraries

Purpose: Ensure that libraries of varying yields are equally represented within the sequencing run

By normalizing the concentration of the libraries, while preserving the content of each library, post-PCR quantification and individual PCR product normalization are not necessary

Mix beads and pure library – 30 min

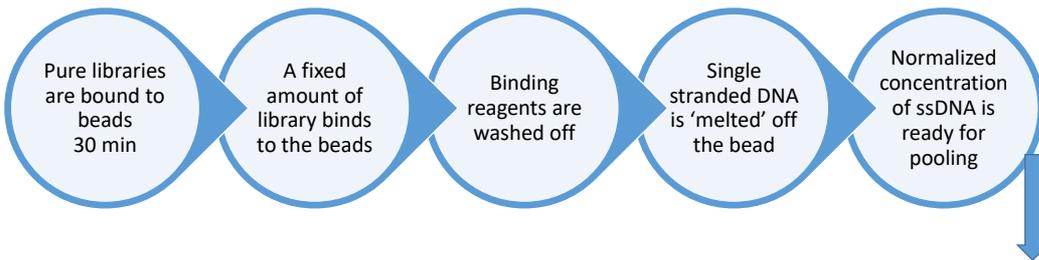
Different than the previous purification – **one strand of the library adapter may be biotinylated (beads would be coated with streptavidin)**

Beads bind a fixed amount of library (ideally without bias; locus/adapter size)

2x EtOH wash

Wash with NaOH which denatures the library adapter – **leaving single stranded free in solution** (denatured and ready for pooling)

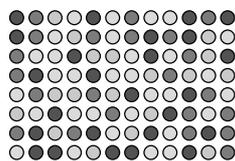
Recover and add to storage buffer



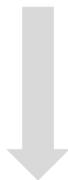
Approx. 2 nM of library post bead normalization

## ForenSeq Library Preparation

### Bead Normalization

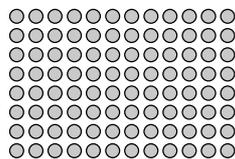


Purified libraries:  
Range of yields



#### Bead-based Normalization

1. Equal volume of beads added to each well
2. Beads bind equal amount of product per well
3. Excess removed
4. Products eluted off beads

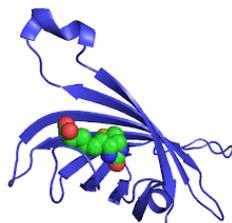


Normalized libraries:  
Equally represented

Sample Pooling:  
Pool 5  $\mu$ l of each desired library

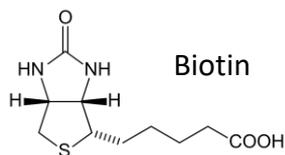
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## Streptavidin and Biotin



Streptavidin (SA)

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DNA can be labeled with biotin moieties  
Magnetic beads can be coated with SA

The SA-Biotin complex is stable to  
organic solvents, denaturants,  
detergents, temperature, and pH

Very useful for biotech separation  
applications

Dissociation constant ( $K_d$ )  $\approx 10^{-14}$



Biotin could be attached at one of the 5' ends of the library molecule

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Streptavidin>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biotin>

Workflow: ForenSeq™ DNA Signature Prep kit

Step: Pool libraries

Purpose: Combines equal volumes of normalized library to create a pool of libraries that are sequenced together on the same flow cell

Collect and pool normalized libraries

Collect across the plate in a 8 strip tube – then pooled into a single tube



<https://www.illumina.com/products/by-type/sequencing-kits.html>



## MiSeq FGx Sequencing

- Preloaded single use reagent cartridge
- Positive consumables tracking
- Auto flow cell positioning
- Walkaway automation



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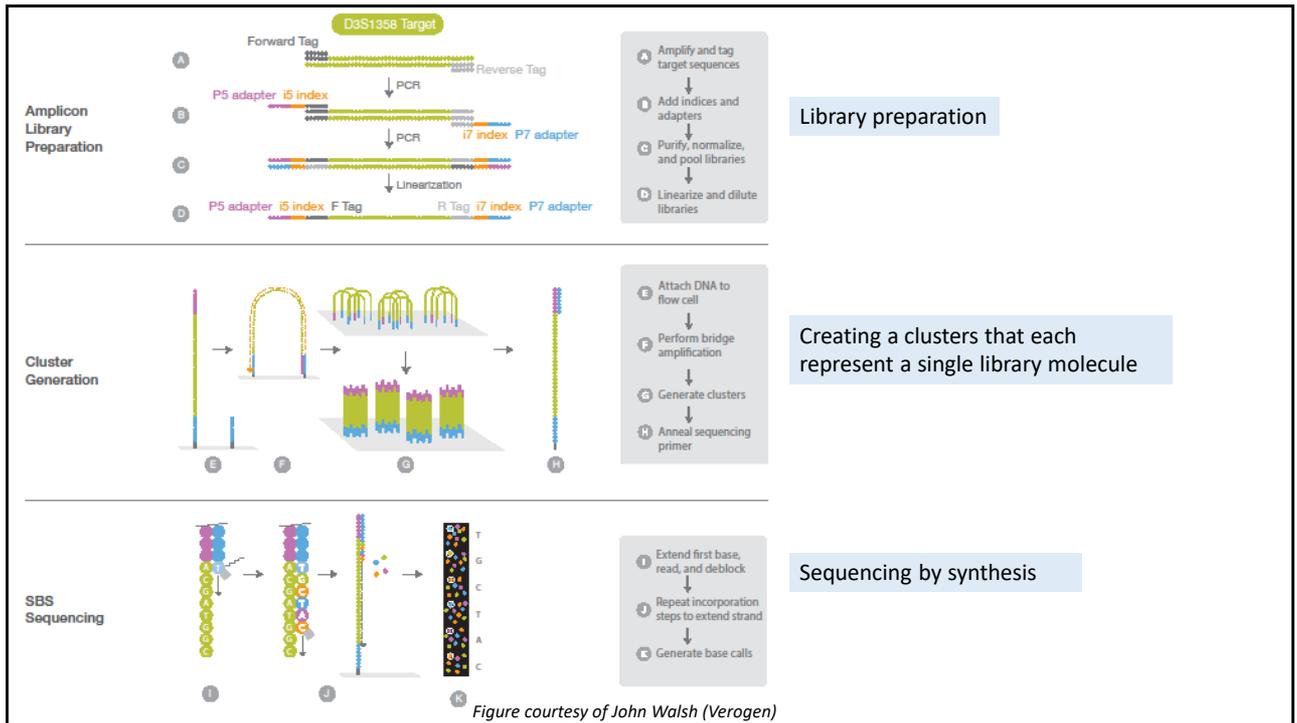
Step: Sequencing

Purpose: Sequence the PCR products

Note: we will not be covering how to set up a specific instrument, loading the system, operational software, etc. This is covered in training materials, software 'wizards'

### (Fluorescent) Sequencing by synthesis

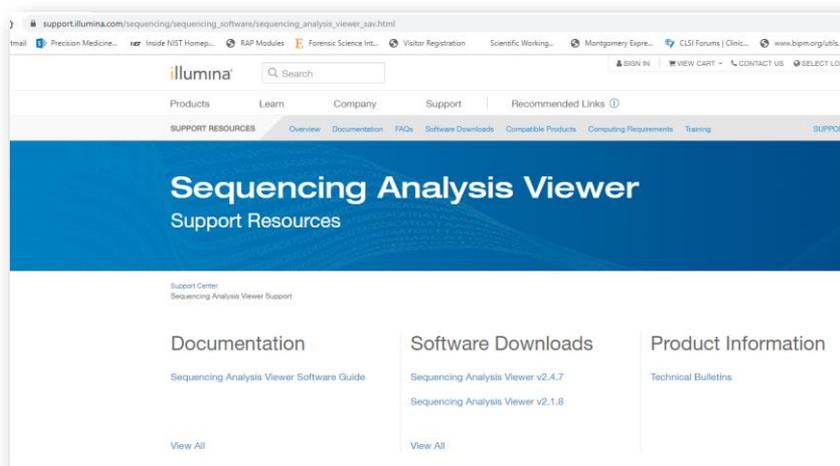
- The library you created is hybridized to a flow cell
- Individual strands create 'clusters' through bridge amplification
- Sequencing proceeds one base per cycle
- Each A, G, C, T has a unique fluorescent dye attached
- Four images of the flow cell per cycle allows for the assignment of sequence at each cluster



## Illumina Sequencing Movie

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=womKfikWlxM>

## Illumina tool for sequencing analysis (SAV)



View quality metrics

[https://support.illumina.com/sequencing/sequencing\\_software/sequencing\\_analysis\\_viewer\\_sav.html](https://support.illumina.com/sequencing/sequencing_software/sequencing_analysis_viewer_sav.html)

## Data Analysis in the UAS

- Working with a cloud instance of UAS set up by Verogen (thank you!)
- Sequence data files from NIST SRM 2391d
- Intended to give a brief overview of the sequence data

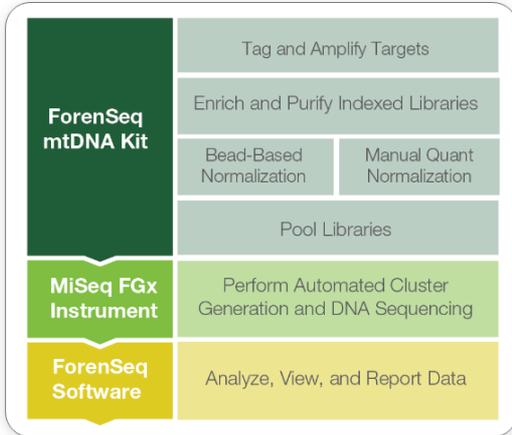
## Summary of ancestry and phenotype marker estimates For NIST SRM 2391d

Component	ForenSeq			Precision ID				Mito	Y SNP
	Ancestry	Hair	Eye	Ancestry	Hair	Hair	Eye		
A	European	0.68	0.66	European	0.66	1.00 light	0.67	T2b3	-
B	African	0.69	0.86	African	0.66	0.93 light	0.85	L1c1a	E
C	African	0.84	1.00	African	0.68	1.00 dark	1.00	L1b1a	E
E	European	0.61	0.71	European/SW Asian	0.69	0.72 light	0.72	T2a3	-

Predictions made using vendor tools

## Mito Sequencing

# ForenSeq™ mtDNA Control Region Solution - MiSeq FGx

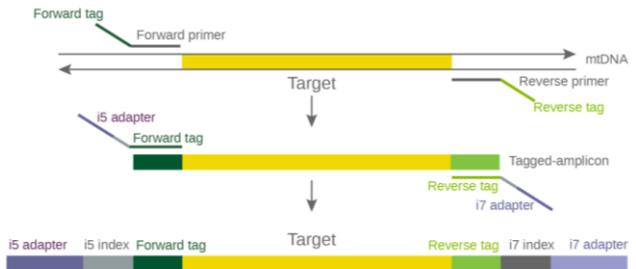


CR positions 16024 - 576

PCR products < 150 bp (average 118 bp)  
18 primary amplicons; 122 primers

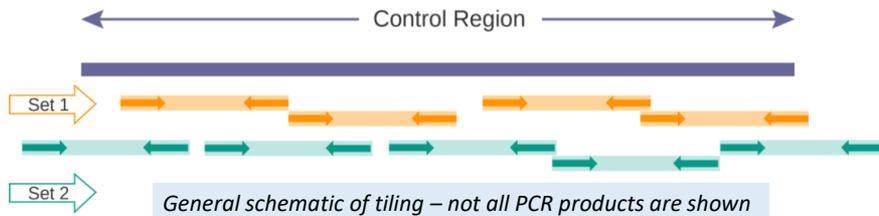
Two unique targeted PCR reactions are set up per sample

Figure 1 ForenSeq mtDNA Control Region Prep Overview



## Tiling across the Control Region

Figure 2 Schematic of Tiled Amplicons for Complete Coverage Across the Control Region



Smaller PCR product sizes help with degraded samples  
Tiling and overlapping PCR products to cover regions under primers  
Degenerate primer sets allow PCR primers to bind to different 'mito types'

## Degenerate PCR primers

Primer A

Individual #1

CTACGATCG**A**CTAGCATCGAC  
TGTAGCTGATGCAGTCAGTGCTAGCTGATGCGTCAGTCGATGCTAGC**T**GATCGTAGCTGATGCT

Primer B

Individual #2

CTACGATCG**C**CTAGCATCGAC  
TGTAGCTGATGCAGTCAGTGCTAGCTGATGCGTCAGTCGATGCTAGC**G**GATCGTAGCTGATGCT

Degenerate primers in a PCR primer mix will allow for the efficient amplification across polymorphic regions in a genome.  
Reduces the chance of dropout

## Two PCR set up

Figure 4: ForenSeq Sample Plate Setup for 48 samples

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Set 1 Primer Mix						Set 2 Primer Mix					
	R713	R714	R716	R717	R718	R719	R713	R714	R716	R717	R718	R719
A501	Sample 1	Sample 9	Sample 17	Sample 25	Sample 33	Sample 41	Sample 1	Sample 9	Sample 17	Sample 25	Sample 33	Sample 41
A502	Sample 2	Sample 10	Sample 18	Sample 26	Sample 34	Sample 42	Sample 2	Sample 10	Sample 18	Sample 26	Sample 34	Sample 42
A503	Sample 3	Sample 11	Sample 19	Sample 27	Sample 35	Sample 43	Sample 3	Sample 11	Sample 19	Sample 27	Sample 35	Sample 43
A504	Sample 4	Sample 12	Sample 20	Sample 28	Sample 36	Sample 44	Sample 4	Sample 12	Sample 20	Sample 28	Sample 36	Sample 44
A505	Sample 5	Sample 13	Sample 21	Sample 29	Sample 37	Sample 45	Sample 5	Sample 13	Sample 21	Sample 29	Sample 37	Sample 45
A506	Sample 6	Sample 14	Sample 22	Sample 30	Sample 38	Sample 46	Sample 6	Sample 14	Sample 22	Sample 30	Sample 38	Sample 46
A507	Sample 7	Sample 15	Sample 23	Sample 31	Sample 39	Sample 47	Sample 7	Sample 15	Sample 23	Sample 31	Sample 39	Sample 47
A508	Sample 8	Sample 16	Sample 24	Sample 32	Sample 40	Sample 48	Sample 8	Sample 16	Sample 24	Sample 32	Sample 40	Sample 48

Two separate PCRs

An individual sample will have the same i5/i7 index for both PCRs

## Summary

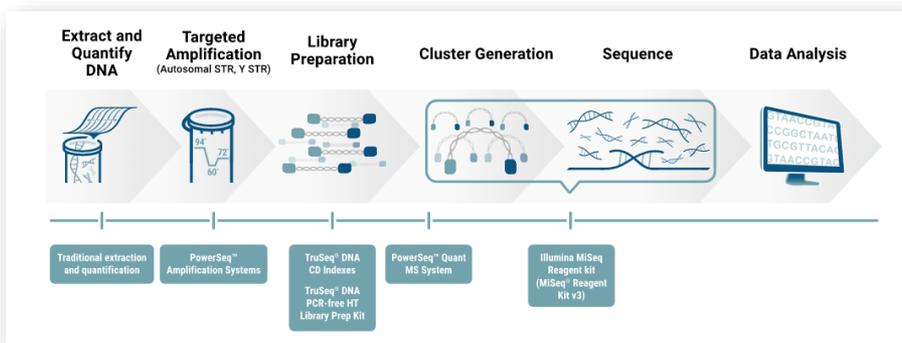
- Uses PCR tagging to incorporate library adapters
- Bead-based normalization is used to ensure that each library is of a similar concentration prior to sequencing
- Care should be taken with PCR 2 and i5/i7 indices to avoid contamination
- Sequencing by synthesis – all four bases are incorporated and read per cycle

# NGS workflow #2



Also purchase  
Illumina *TruSeq DNA PCR-Free HT Sample Preparation Kit*  
or equivalent from another vendor

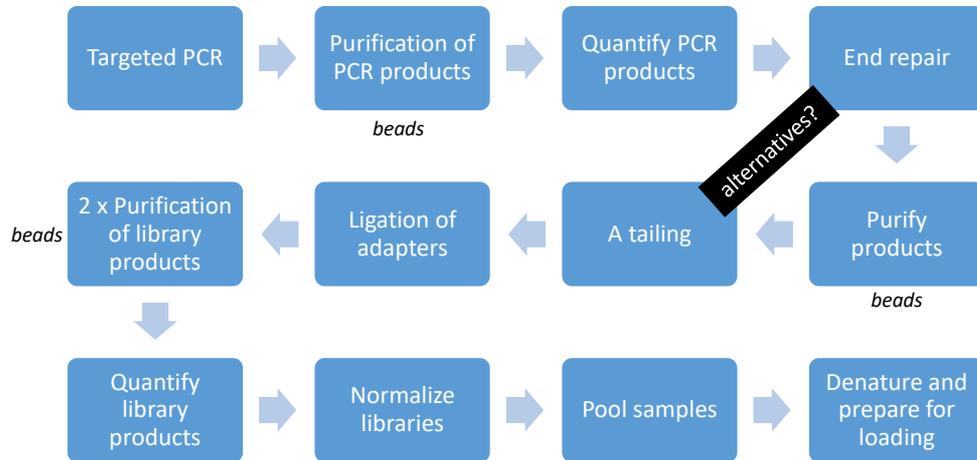
## PowerSeq™ 46GY System



Locus Name	Locus Name
D8S1179	DYS391
D21S11	DYS19
D7S820	DYS385ab
CSF1PO	DYS389I/II
D3S1358	DYS390
TH01	DYS392
D13S317	DYS393
D16S539	DYS437
D2S1338	DYS438
D19S433	DYS439
vWA	DYS448
TPOX	DYS456
D18S51	DYS458
D5S818	DYS481
FGA	DYS533
Penta D	DYS549
Penta E	DYS570
Amelogenin	DYS576
D1S1656	DYS635
D2S441	DYS643
D10S1248	Y-GATA-H4
D12S391	
D22S1045	
DYS391	

PCR products for each locus are designed to be in a range of 140–300bp

## PowerSeq 46GY (Sequenced on MiSeq FGx)



Workflow: Promega PowerSeq 46GY

Step: Targeted PCR amplification

Purpose: Targeted amplification of STRs

Target 0.5 ng of genomic DNA  
PowerSeq PCR primers and mastermix  
25  $\mu$ L volume  
30 cycle PCR

**I don't believe there are any special tails  
or adapters on the PCR primers**

### Thermal Cycling Protocol

96°C for 1 minute, then:

30 cycles of  
96°C for 5 seconds,  
60°C for 35 seconds,  
72°C for 5 seconds, then:

60°C for 2 minutes

4°C soak



Workflow: Promega PowerSeq 46GY

Step: PCR product purification

Purpose: Remove excess PCR primers and buffers

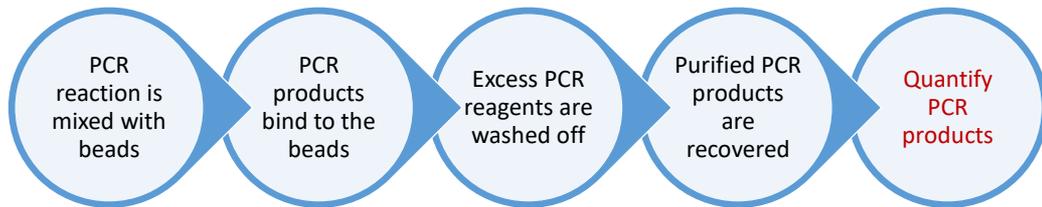
Sample purification beads from the:

**Illumina TruSeq DNA PCR-Free HT Sample Preparation Kit**

Proteinase K is added to avoid bead clumping

**From the manual:** Optimal yield and balanced representation of all STR loci is dependent on thorough mixing of the beads and samples

Add purification bead solution to sample  
(vortex to keep homogeneous)  
Mix (pipette up and down 10 times)  
Place tube(s) on magnetic stand/separator  
for 5 minutes  
Discard solution  
Wash 2 times with 80% EtOH (don't disturb  
the pellet)  
Resuspend in buffer (30  $\mu$ L) (don't disturb  
the pellet)



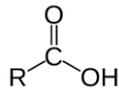
## Beads! Beads! Beads!

Solid Phase Reversible Immobilization (SPRI)

Paramagnetic = magnetic only in a magnetic field

Polystyrene core surrounded by a layer of magnetite

Coated with carboxyl molecules

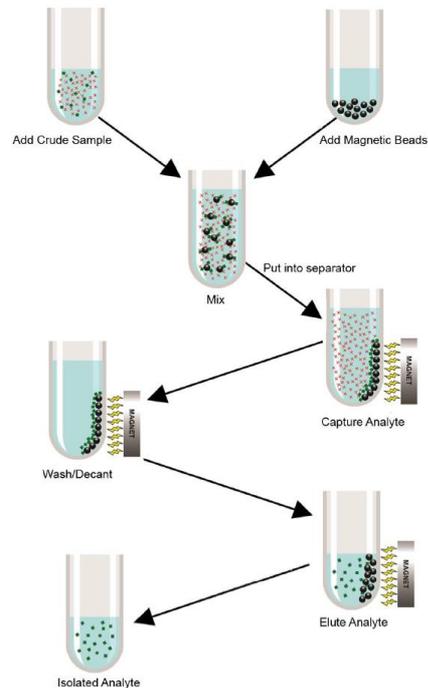


In the presence of PEG and salt (e.g. 20% PEG and 2.5 M NaCl) the DNA is driven to bind to the negatively charged surface

Wash or clean up (80% EtOH solution)

Resuspend

The ratio of SPRI:DNA can tune the length of DNA fragments bound



Workflow: Promega PowerSeq 46GY

Step: Quantify PCR products

Purpose: Estimate PCR product concentration for library preparation

**From the manual:** Determine the concentration of the purified amplification products by measuring the absorbance using a fluorescence-based quantification method. We recommend the Quantifluor® dsDNA System (Promega Cat.# E2670) or the QuantiFluor® One dsDNA System (Promega Cat.# E4871 or E4870) with the Quantus™ Fluorometer or the GloMax® Multi Detection System).

A fluorometer can be used to obtain a concentration estimate of purified PCR products

Single measurements or plate format

An aliquot of the PCR products is mixed with a dsDNA binding dye and the fluorescence is measured

Based on the measurement, the PCR products *for each sample* are diluted to:

**Protocol target: 500 ng in a volume of 60 µL**

## Quantification (fluorometer)



Qubit  
Thermo Fisher

Estimate [DNA]  
Dyes that emit fluorescence upon binding dsDNA



Quantus  
Promega



SpectraMax M2 Microplate reader  
Molecular Devices



GloMax  
Promega

Workflow: Promega PowerSeq 46GY

Step: End Repair

Purpose: Ensure that products are free of overhangs and phosphorylation of 5' ends

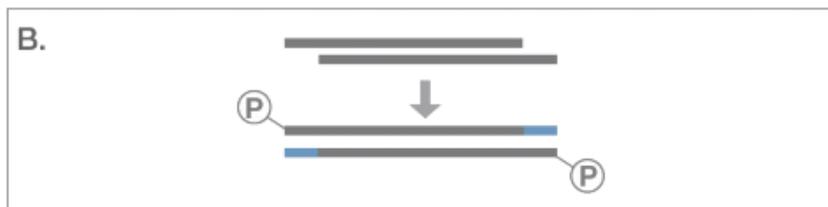
A cocktail of enzymes (general)

An optimized mixture of:

- Klenow Fragment (fill in 5' – 3' overhangs)
- T4 DNA Polymerase (remove 3' overhangs)
- T4 Polynucleotide Kinase (phosphorylation of DNA ends)
- Reaction buffer containing ATP and dNTPs

Component	Volume per Sample
500ng purified amplification product diluted in Resuspension Buffer (from step 4)	60µl
End Repair Mix 2	40µl
Total Volume	100µl

30 min incubation @30°C



Blunt-end fragments are created, 5' ends are phosphorylated  
Now ready for 3' A-tailing...**post bead clean up**

Workflow: Promega PowerSeq 46GY

Step: A-tailing (post bead cleanup of end repair)

Purpose: Adding a non-templated nucleotide to the 3' end of a blunt, double-stranded DNA molecule

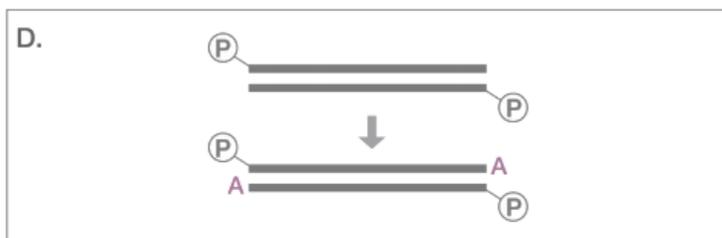
An optimized mixture of:

- Taq DNA Polymerase
- dATP

Component	Volume per Sample
Purified end-repair reaction (from step 9.17)	17.5µl
A-Tailing Mix	12.5µl
Total Volume	30µl

37°C for 30 minutes

70°C for 5 minutes



'A' base is added

Preparing the PCR products ready for ligation and to reduce the chance of concatemers forming



Note: there are some kits that combine End Repair and A-tailing and reduce some of the bead clean steps

KAPA HyperPlus Kit (now owned by Roche)  
KAPA HyperPrep Kit (now owned by Roche)

**General: commercial products are evolving to reduce the steps/time in sequencing library preparation**

<https://sequencing.roche.com/en-us/products-solutions/by-category/library-preparation/dna-library-preparation/kapa-hyperplus.html>

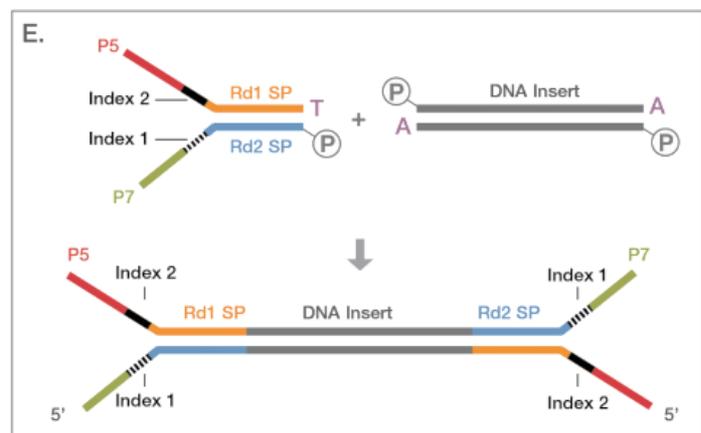
Workflow: Promega PowerSeq 46GY

Step: Ligation of adapters

Purpose: Adding the adapters containing P5/P7, indices, and sequencing primer regions

An optimized mixture of:

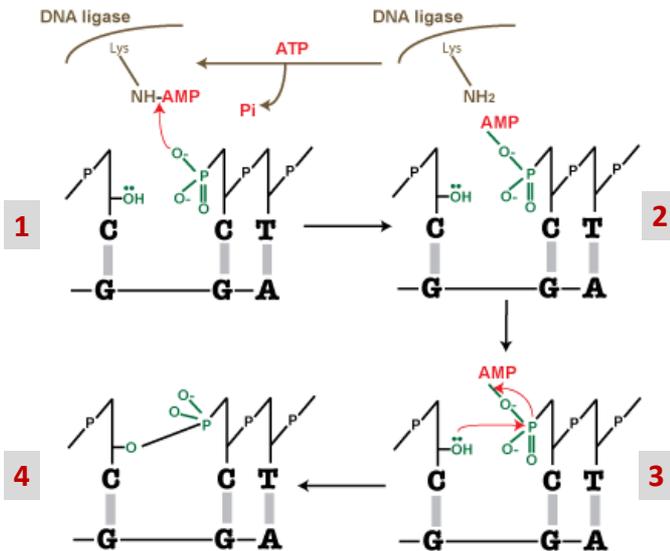
- DNA Ligase, buffers, ATP
- Dual-index adapters – these are in a plate
- **Each well has a unique index set (i5/i7)**
- 30°C for 20 minutes
- One more bead clean up
- **And purify again!**



Dual-index adapters are ligated to the fragments\* and final product is ready for cluster generation.

[https://www.illumina.com/documents/products/datasheets/datasheet\\_truseq\\_dna\\_pcr\\_free\\_sample\\_prep.pdf](https://www.illumina.com/documents/products/datasheets/datasheet_truseq_dna_pcr_free_sample_prep.pdf)

## DNA Ligation



DNA ligase catalyzes the joining of the 3'-OH to the 5'-phosphate via a two step mechanism

First, the AMP nucleotide, which is attached to a lysine residue in the enzyme's active site, is transferred to the 5'-phosphate

Then the AMP-phosphate bond is attacked by the 3'-OH, forming the covalent bond and releasing AMP

To allow the enzyme to carry out further reactions the AMP in the enzyme's active site must be replenished by ATP.

Workflow: Promega PowerSeq 46GY

Step: Quantification of the library products

Purpose: Determine the concentration of each library (prior to normalization)

## Quantification (qPCR-based)



### PowerSeq™ Quant MS System

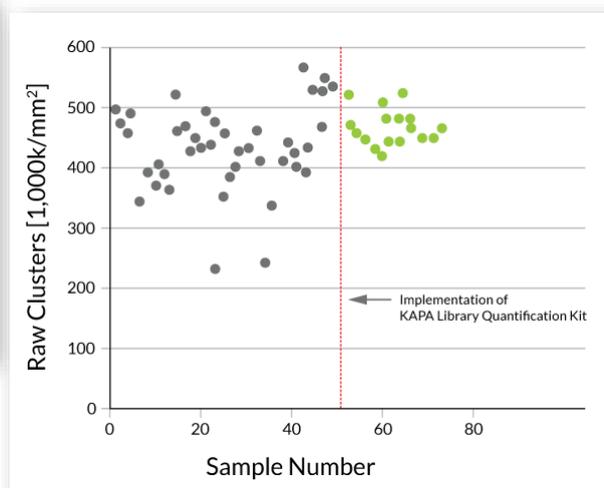
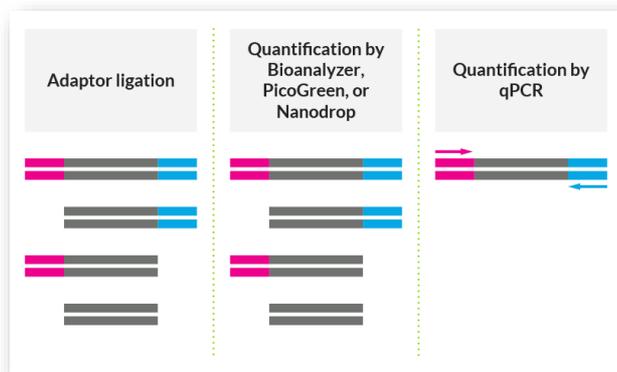
- Quantification of MiSeq® Platform Compatible MPS Libraries enables normalization of MPS libraries based on DNA quantification
- Uses BRYT Green® dye-based qPCR system for maximum sensitivity and reproducibility
- Enables accurate and balanced multiplexed Illumina pooled libraries

KAPA Library Quantification Kits  
for Next-Generation Sequencing

Real-time PCR



## Quantification (qPCR-based)



<https://www.kapabiosystems.com/product-applications/products/next-generation-sequencing-2/library-quantification/>

Workflow: Promega PowerSeq 46GY

Step: Normalization of libraries, pooling, denature and load

Purpose: Normalize the concentration of each library (followed by pooling)

Based on the DNA quantification results obtained, normalize the DNA concentration for each library to 4nM with 10mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.5)

Pool equal volumes of the 4nM libraries

Pooled libraries are denatured with 0.2 N NaOH and prepared for loading onto the MiSeq cartridge

Already covered Illumina sequencing...

What is a FASTQ file?

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## FASTQ Format

- FASTQ - normally uses four lines per sequence.
  - Line 1 begins with a '@' character and is followed by a sequence identifier and an *optional* description
  - Line 2 is the raw sequence letters.
  - Line 3 begins with a '+' character and is *optionally* followed by the same sequence identifier (and any description) again.
  - Line 4 encodes the quality values for the sequence in Line 2, and must contain the same number of symbols as letters in the sequence.
- ```
(1) @SEQ_ID
(2) GATTTGGGGTTCAAAGCAGTATCGATCAAATAGTAAATCC
(3) +
(4) !'!*((( (***) ) %%%++) (%%%) .1***-+' ' ) **
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<http://maq.sourceforge.net/fastq.shtml>

Data analysis using open source software/tools

## Tools that focus on STR/SNPs

| Name                                 | Availability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Freeware                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| FDSTools                             | Python Package Index                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Seqmapper                            | <a href="http://forensic.mc.ntu.edu.tw:9000/SEQMapperWeb/Default.aspx">http://forensic.mc.ntu.edu.tw:9000/SEQMapperWeb/Default.aspx</a>                                                                                                                                         |
| STRait Razor v2s<br>STRait Razor 3.0 | <a href="https://www.unthsc.edu/graduate-school-of-biomedical-sciences/laboratory-faculty-and-staff/strait-razor/">https://www.unthsc.edu/graduate-school-of-biomedical-sciences/laboratory-faculty-and-staff/strait-razor/</a>                                                 |
| STRinNGS                             | Upon request from the University of Copenhagen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| toaSTR                               | <a href="https://www.toastr.de">https://www.toastr.de</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| For purchase                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| ExactID                              | <a href="https://www.battelle.org/government-offerings/homeland-security-public-safety/security-law-enforcement/forensic-genomics/exactid">https://www.battelle.org/government-offerings/homeland-security-public-safety/security-law-enforcement/forensic-genomics/exactid</a> |
| GeneMarkerHTS                        | <a href="https://softgenetics.com/GeneMarkerHTS.php">https://softgenetics.com/GeneMarkerHTS.php</a>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Armed Expert Mixture Ace             | <a href="https://nichevision.com/mixtureace/">https://nichevision.com/mixtureace/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Assay specific, for purchase         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Converge                             | <a href="https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/A35131">https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/A35131</a>                                                                                                                                               |
| Universal Analysis Software          | <a href="https://verogen.com/products/">https://verogen.com/products/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| Name                                 | References                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Freeware                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| FDSTools                             | <i>J. Hoogenboom, K.J. van der Gaag, R.H. de Leeuw, T. Sijen, P. de Knijff, J.F. Laros, FDSTools: A software package for analysis of massively parallel sequencing data with the ability to recognise and correct STR stutter and other PCR or sequencing noise, Forensic Sci Int Genet 27 (2017) 27-40.</i>                                        |
| Seqmapper                            | <i>J.C. Lee, B. Tseng, L.K. Chang, A. Linacre, SEQ Mapper: A DNA sequence searching tool for massively parallel sequencing data, Forensic Sci Int Genet 26 (2017) 66-69.</i>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| STRait Razor v2s<br>STRait Razor 3.0 | <i>J.L. King, F.R. Wendt, J. Sun, B. Budowle, STRait Razor v2s: Advancing sequence-based STR allele reporting and beyond to other marker systems, Forensic Sci Int Genet 29 (2017) 21-28.</i><br><i>A.E. Woerner, J.L. King, B. Budowle, Fast STR allele identification with STRait Razor 3.0, Forensic Science International: Genetics (2017).</i> |
| STRinNGS                             | <i>S.L. Friis, A. Buchard, E. Rockenbauer, C. Borsting, N. Morling, Introduction of the Python script STRinNGS for analysis of STR regions in FASTQ or BAM files and expansion of the Danish STR sequence database to 11 STRs, Forensic Sci Int Genet 21 (2016) 68-75.</i>                                                                          |
| toaSTR                               | <i>S. Ganschow, J. Silvery, J. Kalinowski, C. Tiemann, toaSTR: A web application for forensic STR genotyping by massively parallel sequencing, Forensic Sci Int Genet 37 (2018) 21-28.</i>                                                                                                                                                          |

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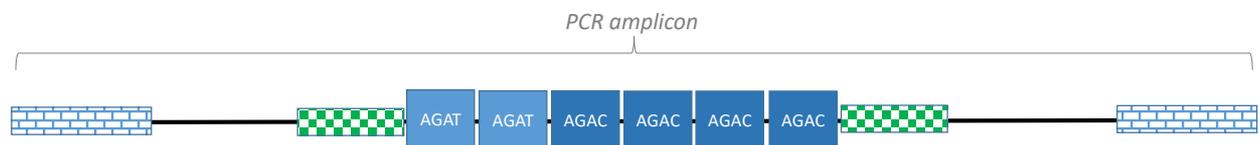
# STRait Razor 3.0



- <https://github.com/Ahngust/STRaitRazor>
- Code to run STRait Razor 3.0
- Links an excel file to parse the results
- <https://www.dropbox.com/s/t3n0d2h6od0qek2/STRait%20Razor%20Analysis%20v3.xlsm?dl=1>

A little bit of informatics

## Recognition Site-Based Informatics for STRs



Software returns:

The length between the recognition sequences ( = 24)

A reference table returns a "6" allele **and the sequence between the recognition sites**



PCR primers



Recognition site ( $\approx 10$  nt)



STR repeat region

## Recognition Site-Based Informatics for STRs



Moving the recognition sites out further:  
 Captures the flanking region SNPs and Indels  
 Still returns the allele length and **more sequence between the recognition sites**



PCR primers



Recognition site ( $\approx 10$  nt)



STR repeat region

## STRait Razor file example-TPOX

1. Locus : allele call
2. Length of sequence
3. Sequence
4. Coverage

|         |          |                                              |     |
|---------|----------|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| TPOX:7  | 28 bases | AATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATG                     | 9   |
| TPOX:7  | 28 bases | AATGAATGAATGAGTGAATGAATGAATG                 | 1   |
| TPOX:8  | 32 bases | AATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATG             | 332 |
| TPOX:8  | 32 bases | AATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAAAG             | 2   |
| TPOX:8  | 32 bases | AATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAAGGAATGAATG             | 1   |
| TPOX:8  | 32 bases | AATGAATGAATGAATGACTGAATGAATGAATG             | 1   |
| TPOX:8  | 32 bases | AACGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATG                 | 1   |
| TPOX:8  | 32 bases | AATGAATGAATGAATGAGTGAATGACTGATTG             | 1   |
| TPOX:8  | 32 bases | AATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGGATG             | 1   |
| TPOX:8  | 32 bases | AATGAATGATTGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATG             | 1   |
| TPOX:8  | 32 bases | AATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGTATT             | 1   |
| TPOX:8  | 32 bases | AATGAATGAATGGATGAATGAATGAATGAATG             | 1   |
| TPOX:8  | 32 bases | AATGAATGAACGAATGACTGAATGAATGAATG             | 1   |
| TPOX:9  | 36 bases | AATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATG         | 17  |
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| TPOX:10 | 40 bases | AATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGATTG     | 1   |
| TPOX:10 | 40 bases | AATGAATGAATGCATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATG     | 1   |
| TPOX:11 | 44 bases | AATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATGAATG | 2   |



toaSTR [<https://www.toastr.de/>]



## Analyze PowerSeq Data

- STRait Razor 3.0
  - Run code
  - Excel file - view
- toaSTR
  - Upload
  - View results
  - Export

## PowerSeq™ CRM Nested System, Custom

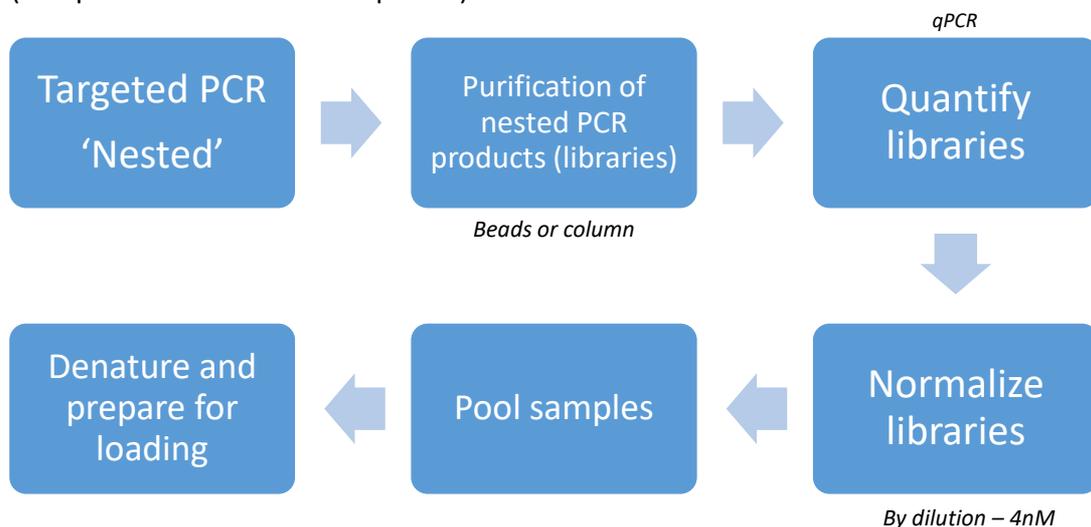
- Sequencing of mitochondrial control region
- *Nested* amplification protocol greatly reduces number of steps and time required for library preparation
  - Single step PCR
- 10 PCR products ranging from 144–237 bp

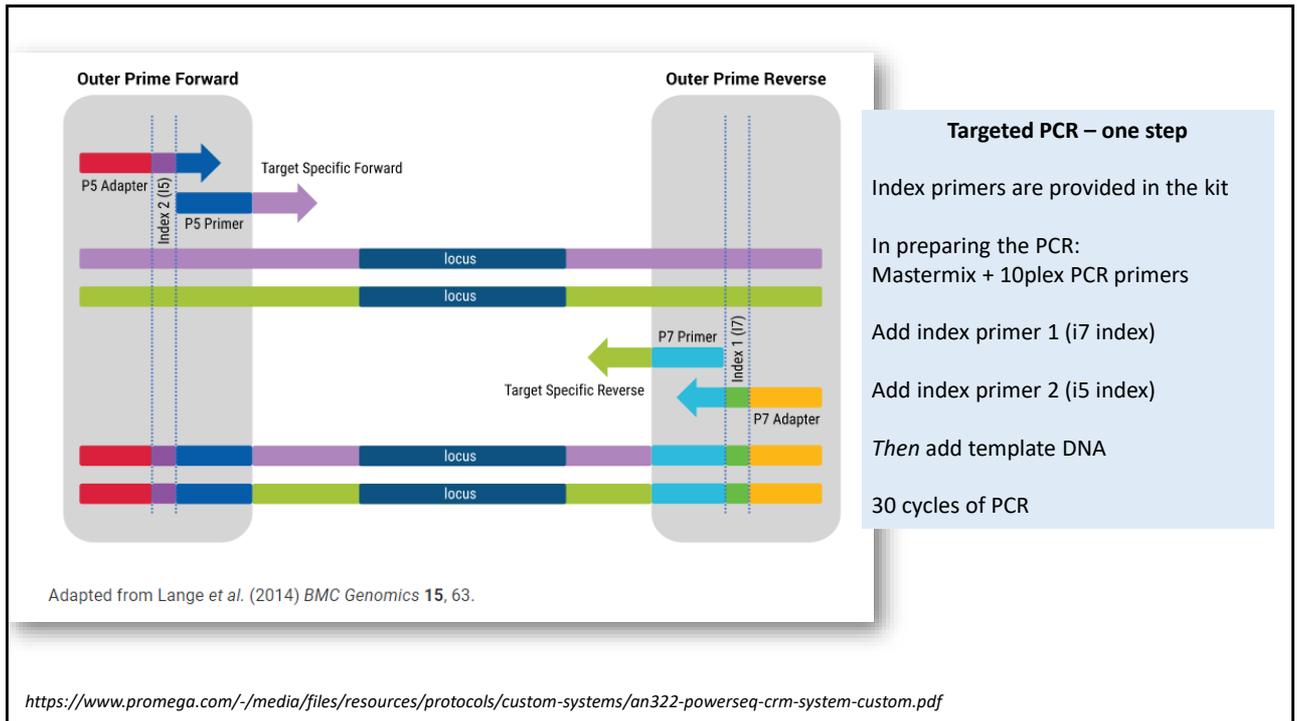


Massively Parallel Sequencing of Mitochondrial Control Region using the PowerSeq™ CRM Nested System, Custom

## PowerSeq CRM Nested System

(Sequenced on MiSeq FGx)





#### • Indexing Primers

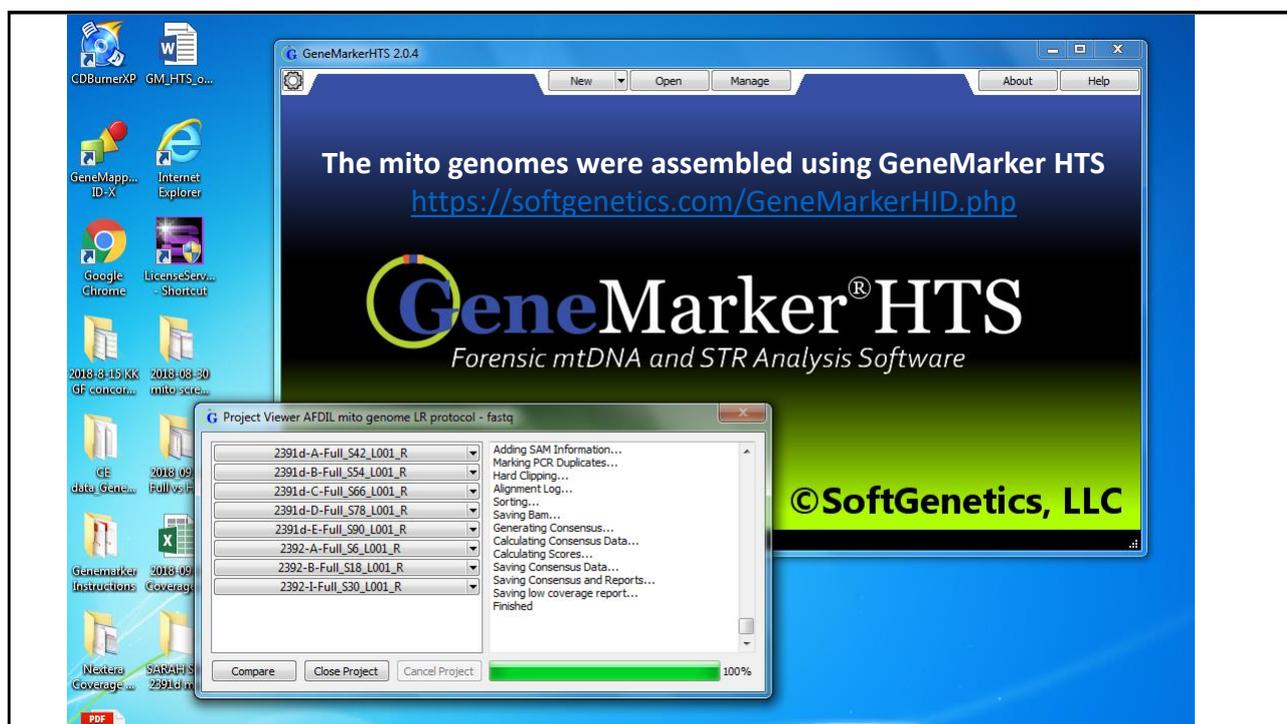
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- 1 × 75µl PowerSeq™ Nested System Index Primer 2 D508

Adapter/Index primers are included in the kit

From the Promega manual

## View Mito sequence data in IGV

- <https://igv.org/app/>
- Or download desktop version
- <http://software.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/>



## Summary

- Uses ligation to incorporate library adapters
  - End repair and A-tailing
- Quantification steps for PCR products and libraries
  - Fluorescence readout
  - qPCR
- Both 'top' and 'bottom' strands are sequenced

## NGS workflow #3



## Precision ID Panels – Thermo Fisher

- STRs
  - GlobalFiler NGS STR Panel v2 (35 markers)
- SNPs
  - Identity (90 + 34 Y CHR), Ancestry (165), & Phenotype Panels (24)
- Mitochondrial Genome
  - Control Region Panel
  - Whole Genome Panel



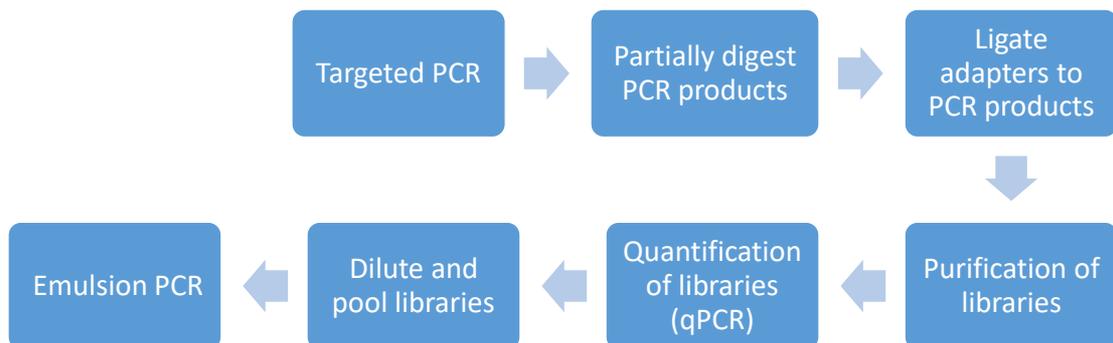
Ion S5 System

## Precision ID Panels (Sequenced on S5)

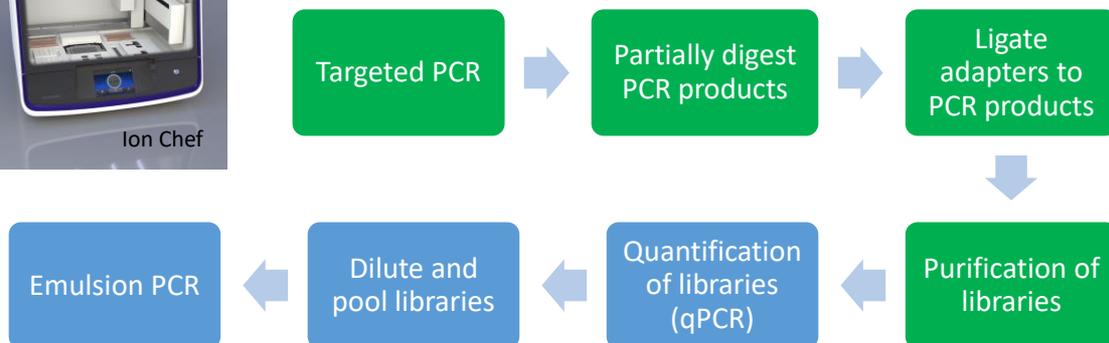


The clonal PCR does not take place on the sequencer (as compared to the MiSeq)

## Precision ID Panels (Sequenced on S5)



## Precision ID Panels (Sequenced on S5)



Steps in green are automated with the use of the Ion Chef  
8 samples can be prepared per Ion Chef run

Workflow: Precision ID

Step: PCR amplification

Purpose: Targeted amplification of STRs/SNPs

Target 1 ng of gDNA  
23 PCR cycles (STRs)  
21 PCR cycles (SNPs)  
20  $\mu$ L volume



Workflow: Precision ID

Step: Partially digest PCR products

Purpose: Prepare amplicons for the ligation of adapters

| Temperature | Time                    |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 50°C        | 10 minutes              |
| 55°C        | 10 minutes              |
| 60°C        | 20 minutes              |
| 10°C        | Hold (for up to 1 hour) |

What is the FuPa reagent?

The FuPa reagent is a proprietary reagent.

My guess: it partially digests the primer regions and prepares the amplicon for ligation of adapters

Patent <https://patents.google.com/patent/US8728728B2/en>



↓ *Partially digest amplicons (2 μL of FuPa reagent)*



Single base overhang? Phosphorylated 5' end ???

Workflow: Precision ID

Step: Ligate adapters to PCR products

Purpose: Attach indices and P1/X sequences

| Panel                                            | Temperature | Time                      |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Precision ID<br>GlobalFiler™ NGS<br>STR Panel v2 | 22°C        | 30 minutes                |
|                                                  | 68°C        | 10 minutes                |
|                                                  | 10°C        | Hold (for up to 24 hours) |



↓ *Ligate adapters*



You *must* ligate a different barcode adapter to each library



| Order of addition | Component                             | Volume |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 1                 | Switch Solution (yellow cap)          | 4 μL   |
| 2                 | Precision ID IonCode™ Barcode Adapter | 2 μL   |
| 3                 | DNA Ligase (blue cap)                 | 2 μL   |
| —                 | Total volume                          | ~30 μL |

Workflow: Precision ID

Step: Purification of libraries

Purpose: Purify the ligated libraries; remove unincorporated ligation adapters

Add 45  $\mu$ L (1.5X sample volume) of Agencourt™ AMPure™ XP Reagent to each library.  
 Mix the bead suspension with the DNA thoroughly, then incubate the mixture for 5 minutes at room temperature.  
 Place the plate in a magnetic rack, then incubate for 2 minutes. Carefully remove, then discard the supernatant without disturbing the pellet.  
 Two washes with 70% ethanol  
 Ensure that all ethanol droplets are removed from the wells.  
 Keep the plate in the magnet, then air-dry the beads at room temperature for 5 minutes.



Bead-based purification of the libraries  
 Removing the initial PCR and ligation reagents, primers  
 Elute and collect each library...

Workflow: Precision ID

Step: Quantification of libraries (qPCR)

Purpose: Quantify the libraries (prior to pooling)



Real-time PCR

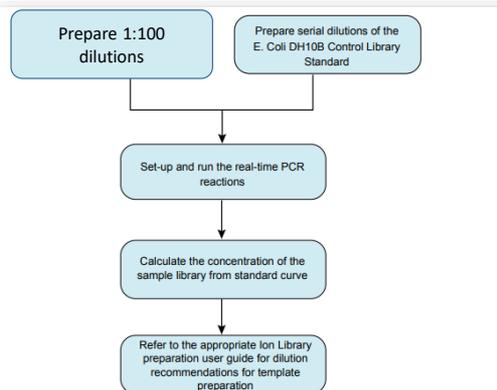
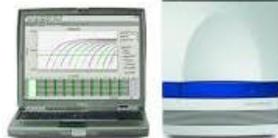


Figure 1 Library quantification with the Ion Library TaqMan® Quantitation Kit

Workflow: Precision ID

Step: Dilute and Pool

Purpose: Prepare equimolar pool for emulsion PCR

| Panel                                            | Dilute to | Minimum volume |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Precision ID<br>GlobalFiler™ NGS STR<br>Panel v2 | 50 pM     | 25 µL          |

| Panel                                                                | Dilute to | Minimum volume |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Precision ID Ancestry Panel <i>or</i><br>Precision ID Identity Panel | 30 pM     | 25 µL          |



**If you do not have enough library it is possible to amplify some of the existing library**

Amp 5-10 cycles

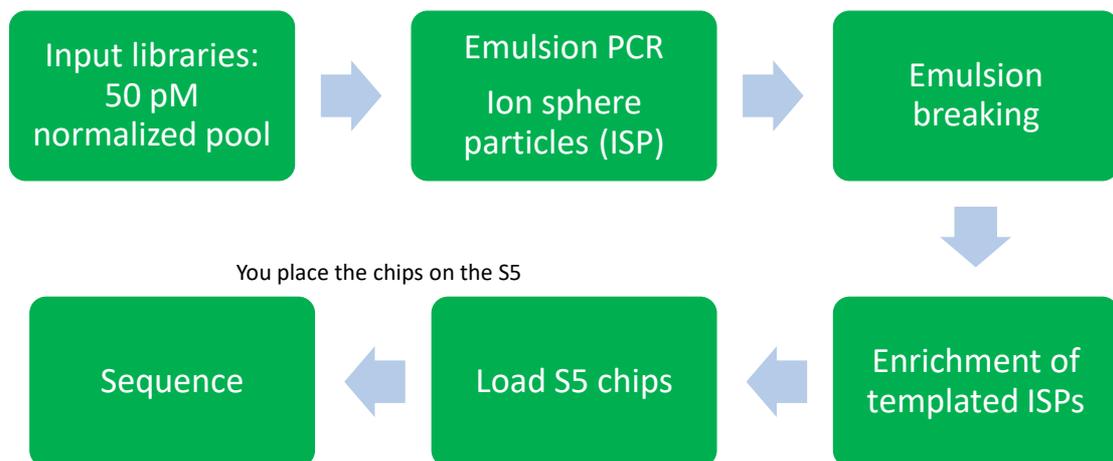
Agencourt™ AMPure™ XP Reagent

**First round at 0.5X bead-to-sample-volume ratio:** High molecular-weight DNA is bound to beads, while amplicons and primers remain in solution. **Save the supernatant.**

**Second round at 1.2X bead-to-original-sample-volume ratio:** Amplicons are bound to beads, and primers remain in solution. **Save the bead pellet, and elute the amplicons from the beads.**

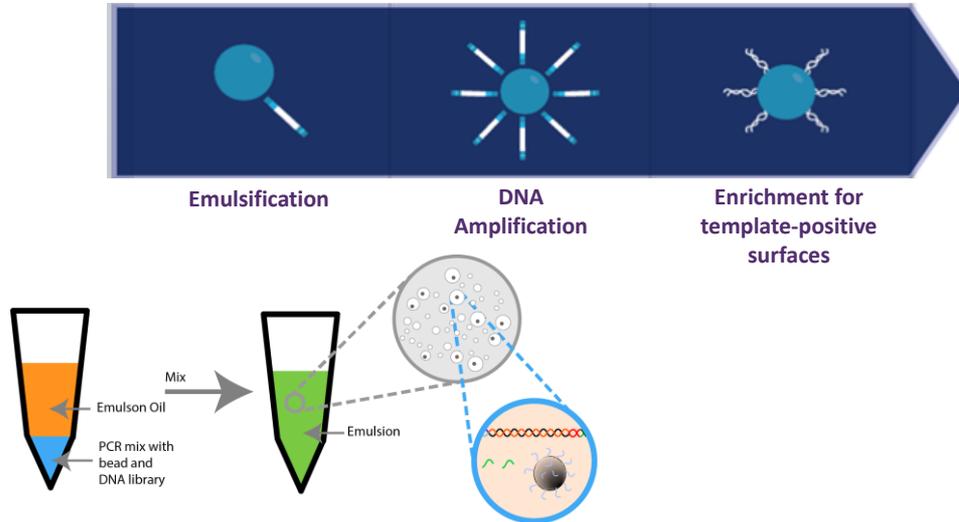
**Quantify by qPCR**

## Precision ID panels (Sequenced on S5)



Steps in green are automated with the use of the Ion Chef

# Templating Workflow



Slide courtesy of Matt Gabriel – Thermo Fisher

Workflow: Precision ID

Step: Emulsion PCR

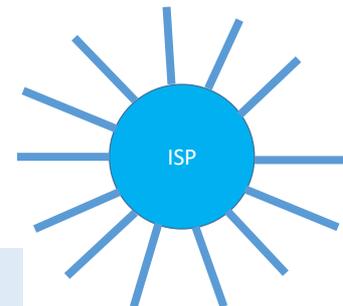
Purpose: Generate clonal "clusters" on a bead (ISP)

ISP = Ion Sphere Particle

The clonal amplification and enrichment steps are performed using the Ion One Touch 2 system or [Ion Chef](#)



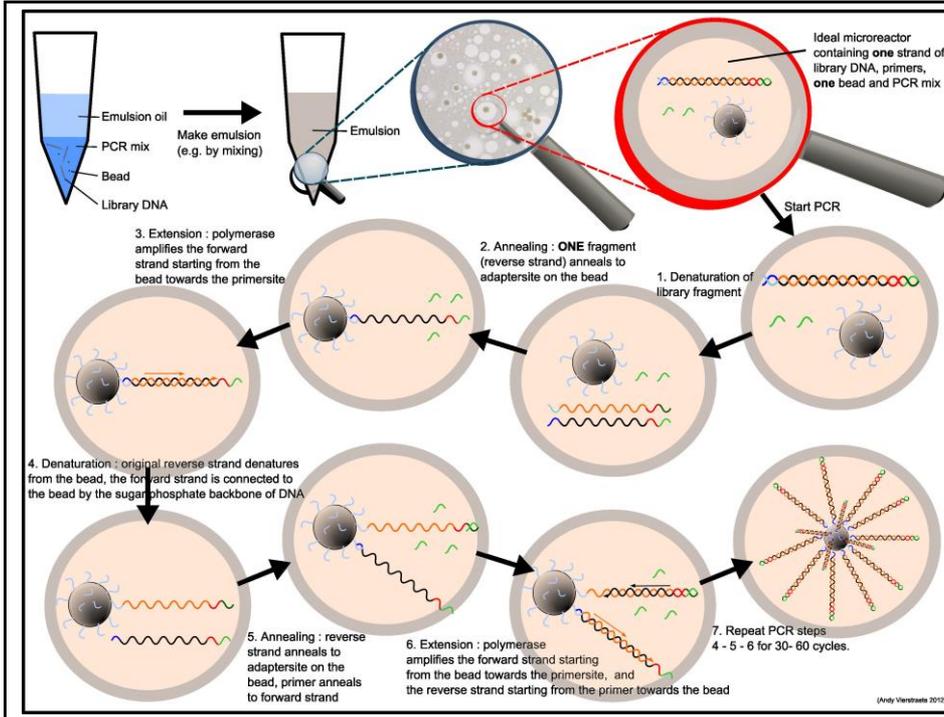
+



ISP covered with Primers that will bind to the P1 adapter

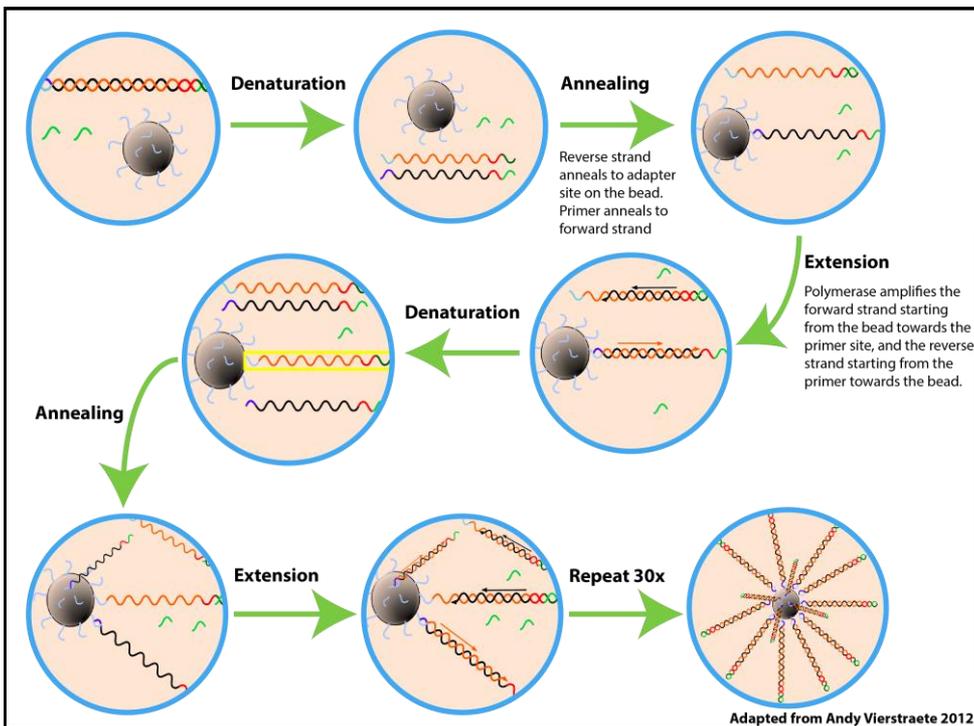
Clonal amplification is performed by an emulsion PCR  
 Libraries bind to ISPs with from P1 adapter end  
 Primers (on ISP and in emulsion) amplify from the X and P1 regions

I believe the X primer is biotinylated – for enrichment...later



One strand (forward) is bound to the ISP and the reverse natures/denatures and creates a 'cluster' covering the ISP

Post PCR the emulsions are broken open and the ISPs are 'enriched'



After the DNA strands are amplified, the emulsion from the preceding step is broken using isopropanol and detergent buffer.

The solution is then vortexed, centrifuged, and magnetically separated.

The resulting solution is a suspension of empty, clonal and non-clonal beads, which will be filtered in the next step.

Workflow: Precision ID

Step: Enrichment

Purpose: Remove ISPs that do not have DNA attached to the surface

### Enrichment

ISPs with clonal libraries will be bound to streptavidin covered magnetic beads (biotinylated X primer)  
Clonal ISPs will be captured (an ISP with a single colony of amplified library)

ISPs **without** DNA attached to the surface will be washed away

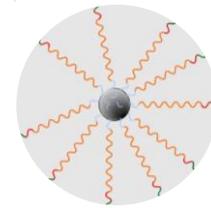
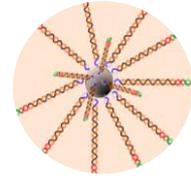
### Poly-clonal ISPs will also be captured

If more than one unique library molecule was present in the emulsion PCR reactor

**Reagent concentrations are prescribed to minimize this possibility**

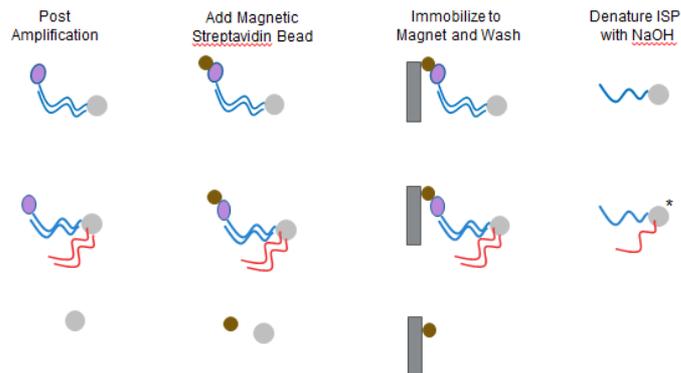
The biotinylated strand will be bound to the magnetic bead  
The ISP is covered with ssDNA and ready for sequencing

The ISPs are no longer in an emulsion droplet



## Enrichment

- Streptavidin beads
- Binds to Adapter X only
  - Template Positive ISPs have Adapter X at the ends



Note: Polyclonality will still occur – this is why library quant is critical

Slide courtesy of Matt Gabriel – Thermo Fisher

Workflow: Precision ID

Step: Load the S5 chip

Purpose: Efficiently load the ISPs onto the chip

### Chip Loading

The Ion Chef will load the ISPs onto the chip (reduce air bubbles, even/efficient loading)

You physically load the chips onto the S5 instrument



3-6 M reads per chip  
Up to 600 bp



15-20 M reads per chip  
Up to 600 bp



60-80 M reads per chip  
Up to 200 bp

Workflow: Precision ID

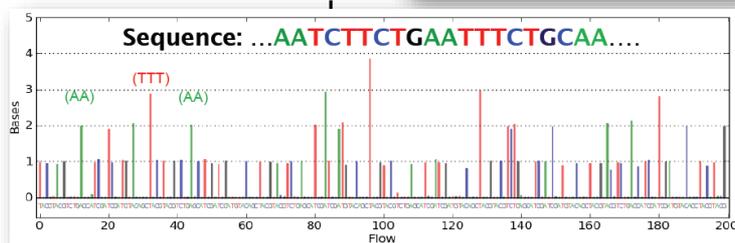
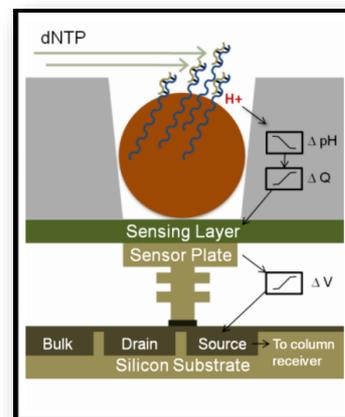
Step: Sequencing

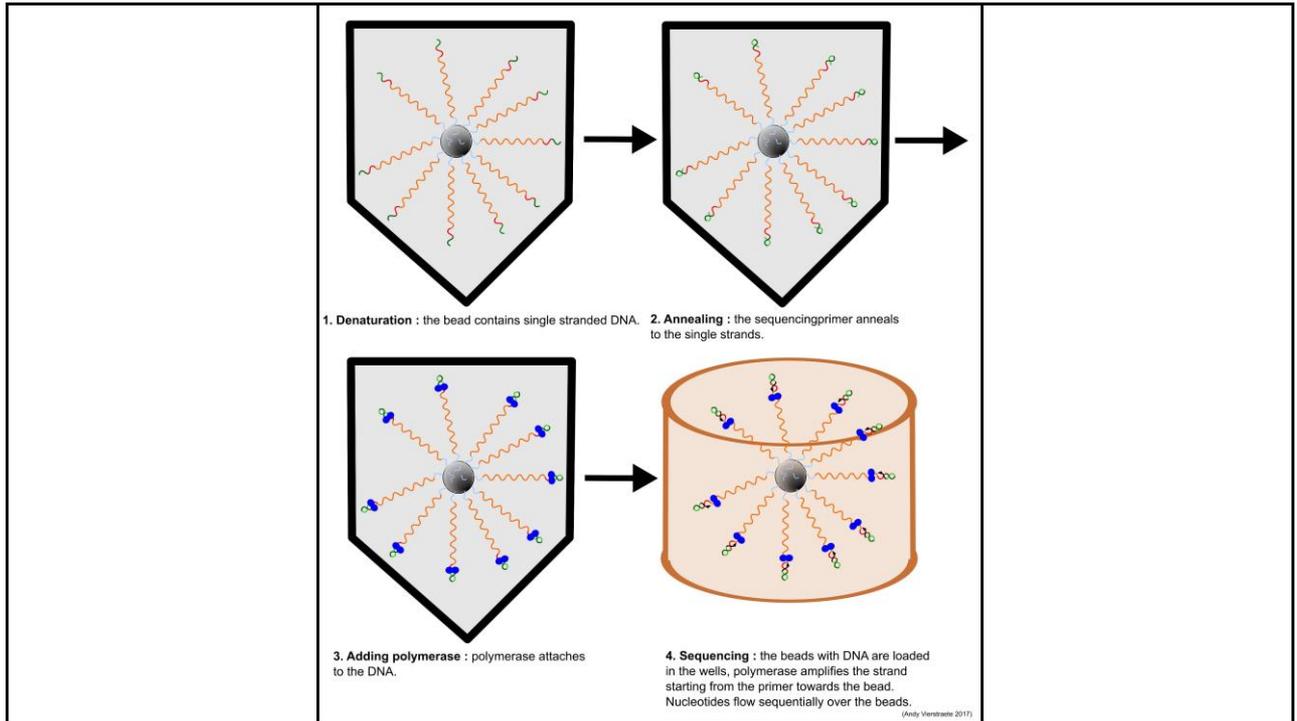
Purpose: Sequence the DNA stranded bound to the ISPs

### Ion Torrent Sequencing Semiconductor-based sequencing

Electronically detects polymerase-driven base incorporation without the use of fluorescence

- Chip flooded with **one nucleotide after another**
- $H^+$  released when a complementary base is added to template
- Charge from the ion causes detectable pH change
- Sequencer calls the base



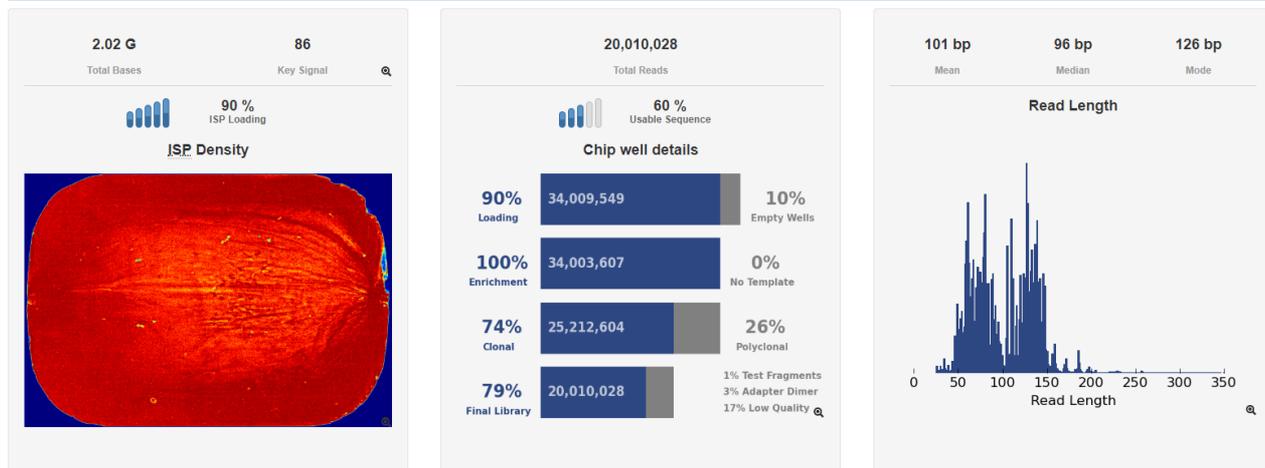


## Ion Torrent Movie

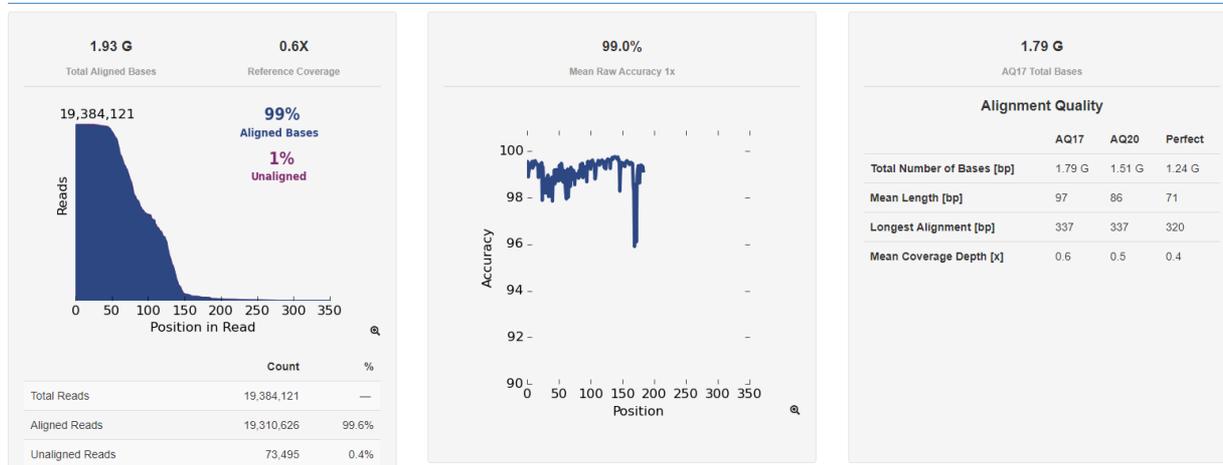
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyijNSOLWBY>

# S5 Diagnostics (530 chip Identity SNP panel)

## Unaligned Reads



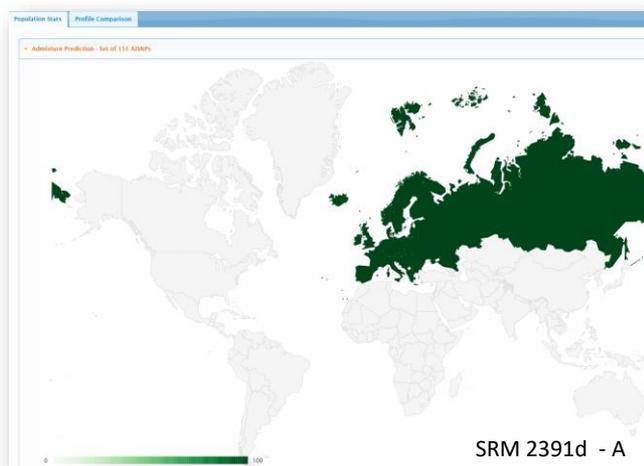
## Aligned Reads hg19(hg19 from zip)



## Data analysis in Converge

- Working with a cloud instance of Converge set up by Thermo Fisher (Thank you!)
- Sequence data files from NIST SRM 2391d (STR, SNP, Mito)
- Intended to give a brief overview of the sequence data

## Ancestry SNPs

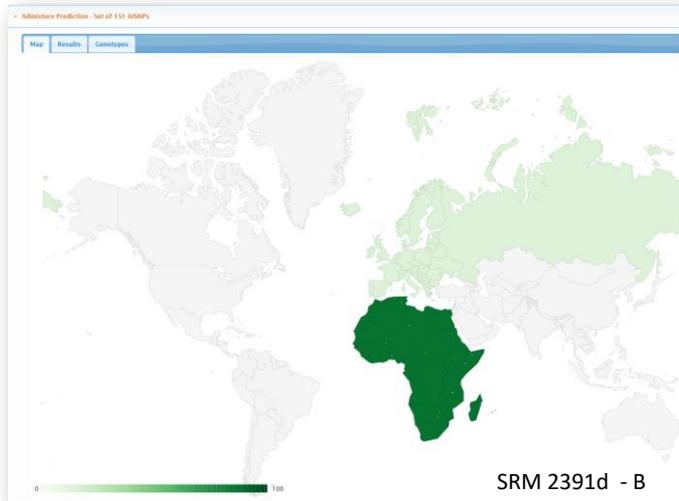


Population Likelihoods - Set of 151 AISNPs

| Population             | Geo region | Likelihood |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Danes                  | Europe     | 1.771e-43  |
| Europeans-HapMap       | Europe     | 2.248e-44  |
| Russians               | Europe     | 2.088e-44  |
| Irish                  | Europe     | 2.684e-45  |
| Finns                  | Europe     | 1.119e-45  |
| Hungarian              | Europe     | 1.088e-45  |
| Komi-Zyrian            | Asia       | 2.023e-46  |
| European Americans     | Europe     | 1.570e-46  |
| Russians, Archangel'sk | Europe     | 1.394e-46  |
| Adygei                 | Europe     | 5.090e-47  |
| Chuvash                | Europe     | 8.939e-48  |
| Jews, Ashkenazi        | Europe     | 5.522e-48  |
| Jews, Sephardic        | Europe     | 1.872e-51  |
| Greeks                 | Europe     | 1.792e-51  |
| Druze                  | Asia       | 4.390e-54  |
| Mohanna                | Asia       | 3.940e-54  |
| Pashtun                | Asia       | 1.487e-54  |
| Palestinian            | Asia       | 1.047e-55  |
| Sardinian              | Europe     | 7.165e-56  |

Results from the Torrent Server Suite: HID SNP Genotyper Report

# Ancestry SNPs



Population Likelihoods - Set of 151 AISNPs

| Population        | Geo region | Likelihood |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| African Americans | Africa     | 1.395e-44  |
| Chagga            | Africa     | 4.553e-48  |
| Masai             | Africa     | 1.360e-50  |
| Hausa             | Africa     | 1.302e-50  |
| Lisongo           | Africa     | 2.427e-52  |
| Sandawe           | Africa     | 8.246e-53  |
| Zaramo            | Africa     | 8.159e-54  |
| Jews, Ethiopian   | Africa     | 5.201e-55  |
| Ibo               | Africa     | 6.075e-56  |
| Yoruba            | Africa     | 2.118e-56  |
| Yoruba-HapMap     | Africa     | 3.172e-58  |
| Somali            | Africa     | 2.203e-60  |
| Biaka             | Africa     | 1.561e-62  |
| Mbuti             | Africa     | 1.067e-62  |
| Negroid Makrani   | Asia       | 2.701e-63  |

Results from the Torrent Server Suite: HID SNP Genotype Report

# Precision ID mtDNA Panels

Precision ID mtDNA Whole Genome Panel  
Precision ID mtDNA Control Region Panel

Degenerate primers

Degenerate primers account for the high frequency of variants of mtDNA. The number of degenerate primers for each pool is as follows:

| Panel                                   | Pool 1                             | Pool 2                             | Variant frequencies <sup>(1), (2)</sup>                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Precision ID mtDNA Whole Genome Panel   | 81 primer pairs<br>119 degenerates | 81 primer pairs<br>164 degenerates | 1000 Genomes:<br>>5% population frequency<br><a href="http://www.1000genomes.org">www.1000genomes.org</a> |
| Precision ID mtDNA Control Region Panel | 7 primer pairs<br>45 degenerates   | 7 primer pairs<br>68 degenerates   | MitoMap: >700 count<br><a href="http://www.mitomap.org">www.mitomap.org</a>                               |

<sup>(1)</sup> Degenerates were designed to avoid dropouts caused by primer binding SNPs identified from these references.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Additional degenerate primers were added after a round of global customer testing.

Two PCR reactions per sample

Dual panel system and library amplification

A dual panel system covers the mtDNA Genome and Control Region. The following figures are visual representations of the dual panels, Hypervariable Regions, and insert locations of the Precision ID mtDNA Control Region Panel.

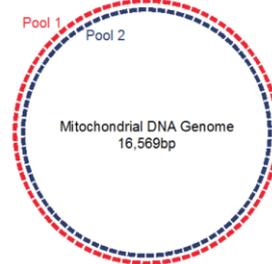


Figure 1 Visual representation of the dual panel system. It does not accurately display the actual number of amplicons.

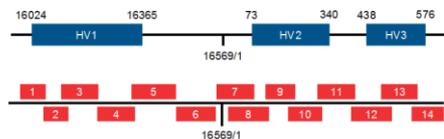
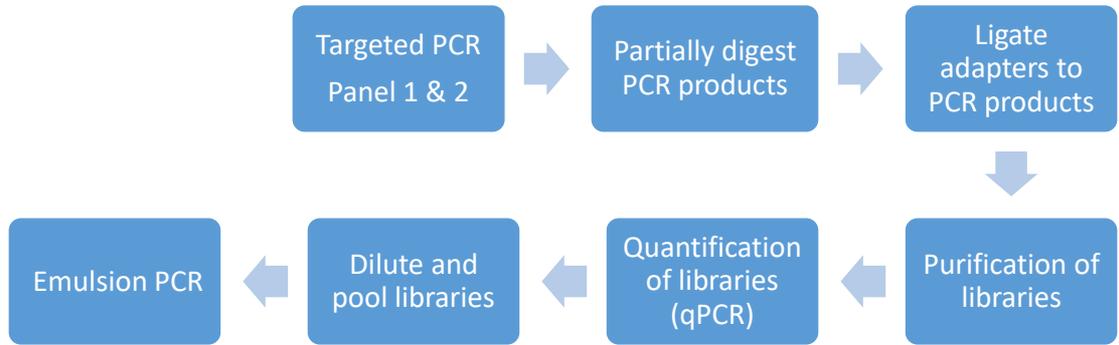


Figure 2 The Hypervariable Regions of the mtDNA Control Region and insert locations of the Precision ID mtDNA Control Region Panel.

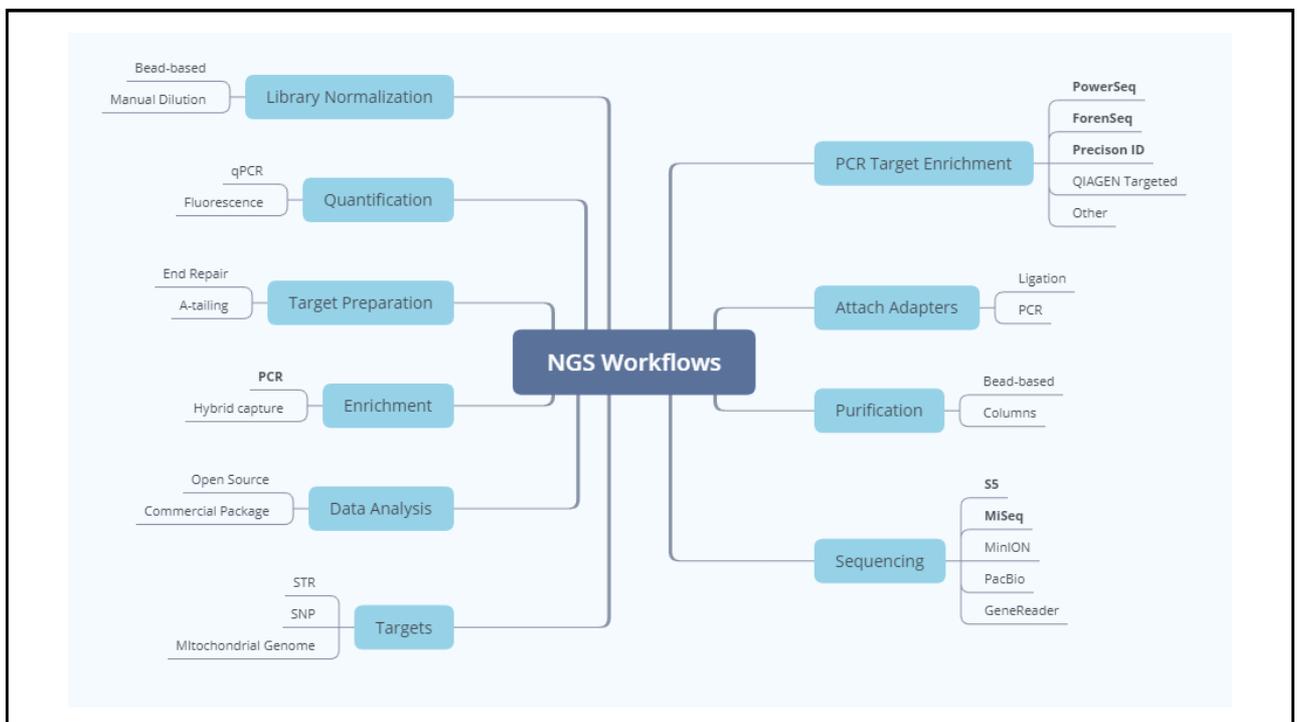
## Precision ID Panels (Sequenced on S5)



View Mito data in Converge

## Summary

- Emulsion PCR is performed to generate clonal library populations on the ISP
  - Not performed on the sequencer
- Sequencing is carried out by flowing successive NTPs onto the chip
- Quantification steps for library normalization
  - qPCR





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Short communication

**A performance evaluation of Nextera XT and KAPA HyperPlus for rapid Illumina library preparation of long-range mitogenome amplicons**

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Comparing Nextera XT and KAPA HyperPlus library preparation methods

Sanger-based paper  
Describes a long range PCR approach (two ≈8.5k amplicons)

**BMC Genomics**



Methodology article

**Sequencing strategy for the whole mitochondrial genome resulting in high quality sequences**

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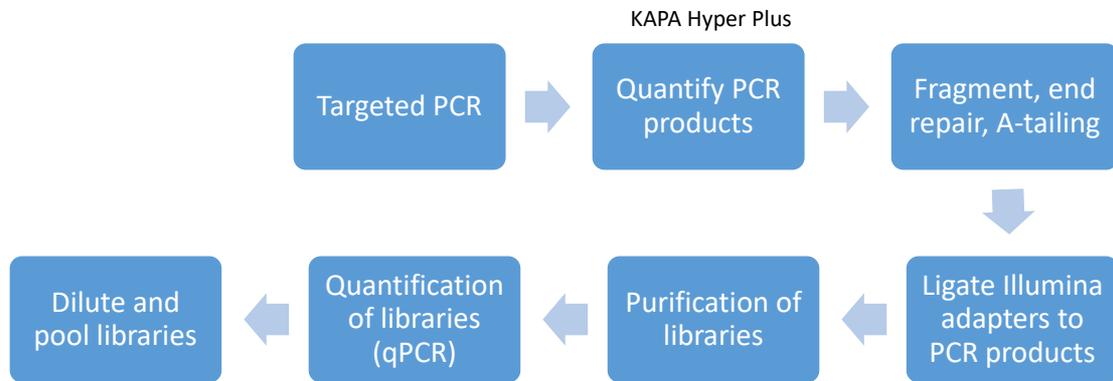
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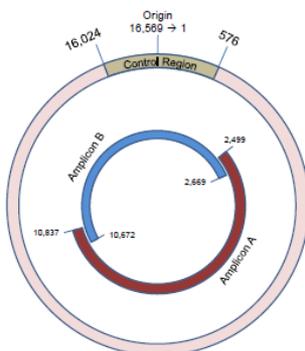
**Open Access**

## Whole Mito Genome (Sequenced on MiSeq)



## Two PCR Products are amplified

Figure 1: Mitochondrial genome showing control region with amplification strategy.



See poster 146 Kiesler et al.

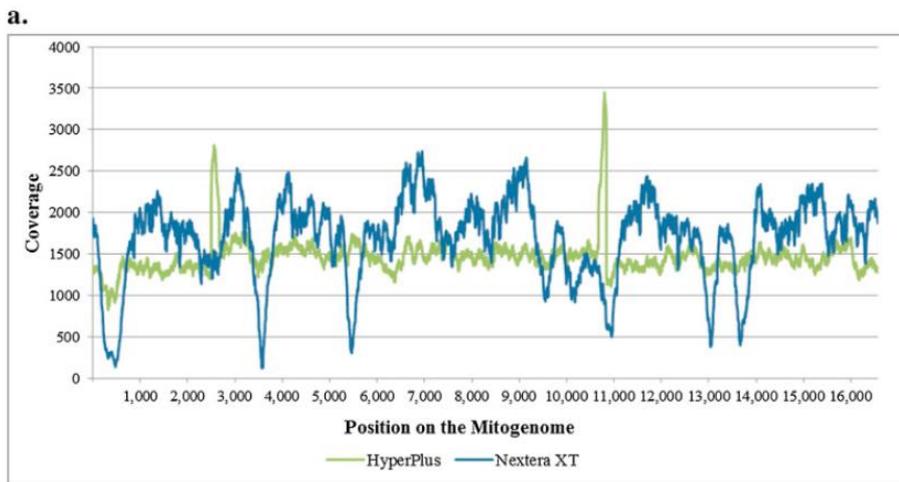
Figure 2: Library construction process.



The large PCR products  $\approx 8.5$  kb are fragmented and prepared for Illumina dual index adapters

This approach works well with high quality DNA where large PCR products can be successfully amplified (reference samples)

## Coverage balance comparison KAPA HyperPlus and Illumina Nextera XT



View data in IGV (Whole Mito Genome)

- Mito genomes assembled in GeneMarker HTS (SoftGenetics)

# QIAGEN Targeted DNA Panels

## QIAseq Targeted DNA Panels

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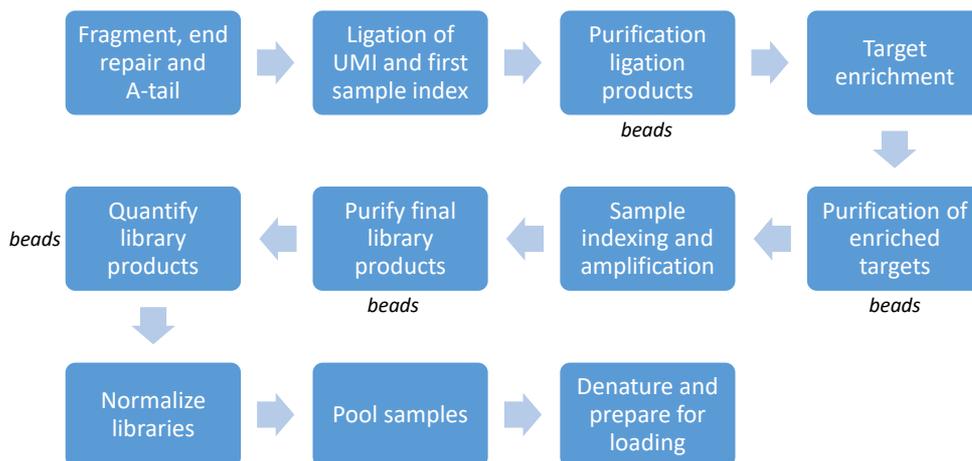


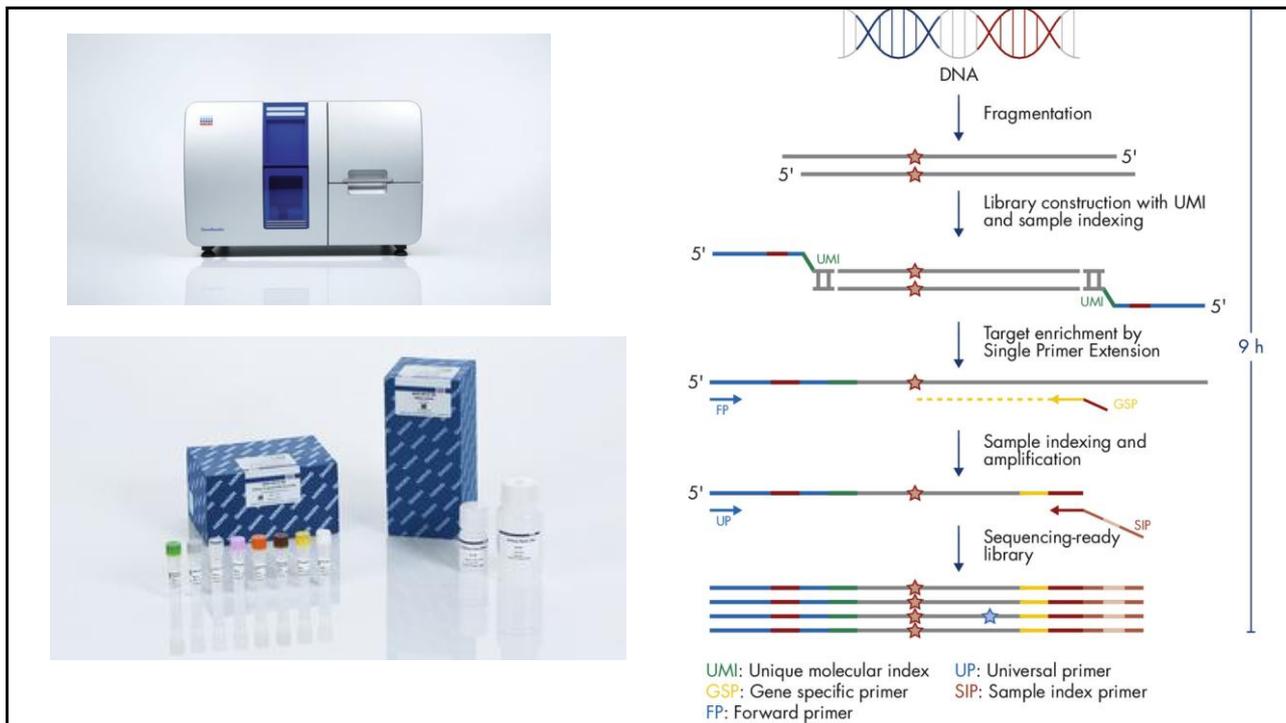
### Digital DNA sequencing to confidently detect low-frequency variants

- Digital sequencing enabled by molecular barcodes to remove PCR duplicates
- Complete Sample to Insight solution streamlines the workflow
- Compatibility with low-quality DNA enables efficient sequencing of FFPE and cfDNA samples
- Minimal DNA input to preserve precious samples
- Optimized buffers and conditions to achieve high coverage of GC-rich regions

| Product                  | Product no. | Cat. no. |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Human Mitochondria Panel |             | DHS-105Z |

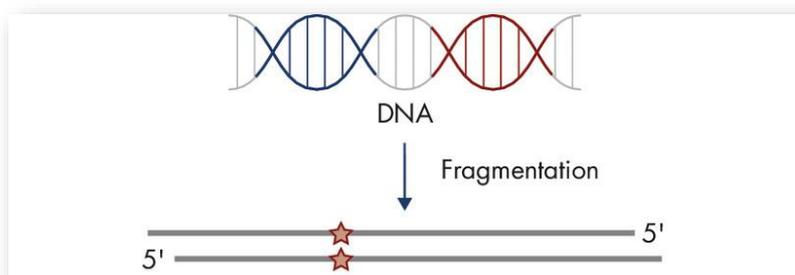
## QIAGEN Targeted DNA Panel (Sequenced on MiSeq or S5)





Workflow: QIAGEN Human Mitochondria Panel  
 Step: Fragmentation, end repair and A-tailing  
 Purpose: Prepare DNA for ligation

Started with 10 ng of nDNA  
 ≈1600 nuclear diploid copies  
 Mito copies ≈ 500k  
 Assume ≈ 300 mtGenomes per cell

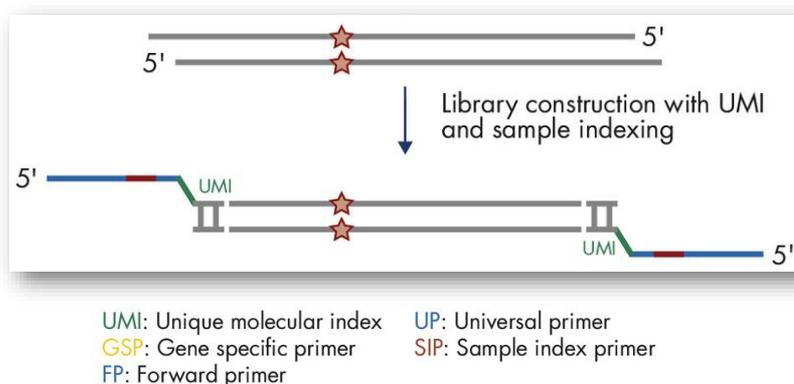


A main point here is that we are starting with a larger amount of DNA template (relative to the other workflows)

Workflow: QIAGEN Human Mitochondria Panel

Step: Adapter ligation

Purpose: Label the pre-amp fragments adapters containing UMIs and the first sample index



Ligation of unique adapters (UMI) and sample index (red) to each piece of fragmented DNA in the solution (no targeted PCR steps yet)

## What is a Unique Molecular Index (UMI)?

- Errors in PCR and the sequencing process can lead to higher noise/false positives (is it a low frequency SNP or 'noise'?)
- Enhance low variant detection
- 12-base fully random sequence ( $4^{12}$  possible indices per adapter)
- **Must be attached pre-targeted PCR**
- Each fragmented molecule receives a unique UMI sequence
- UMIs are binned informatically and variants can be assessed...

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